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## *Ad Clerum*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Easter greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

### **Bishopsbourne family**

We, the Ntlali family give thanks for the great gift of salvation offered through the ministry, the death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. As a family we are grateful that God has given us strength, protection, guidance and courage in Christ as we serve Him by serving all of you. We were hospitalized for cellulitis, but we are happy to announce that we have recovered very well. Thank you for your prayers, support, love and generosity for us. As the Bishopsbourne family we always praise God for you.

### **Medical Aid**

Health care of clergy is very important as they cannot engage in God's ministry when they are sick. We thank all the parishes that pay the medical aid expenses of their clergy. We encourage all parishes and chapelries to pay the medical aid regularly and those in arrears to settle their arrears.

### **Insurance**

Kindly take note that it is important to pay your insurance regularly. Paying insurance protects property and belongings in times of crime and disasters. We encourage all parishes and chapelries to pay their insurance and insurance arrears before the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2014. The renewal of our diocesan insurance policy is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014. We humbly ask you therefore to pay for your 2015 insurance by the end of September 2014.

### **Assessment increase**

The Diocesan Council unanimously agreed that the assessment for parishes and chapelries must be increased by 7%. This enabled the Diocese to increase clergy stipends. Thus far, not all parishes have added the 7% increase on their monthly assessment payment. We express our sincere gratitude to all parishes and chapelries that have increased their monthly payment. We encourage all parishes and chapelries to increase their payment for the smooth running of the finances in the Diocese.

### **Lent and Easter offering**

Jesus Christ became God's offering to the world. Jesus became our living water (John 7:37) and as we drink this living water we will never thirst again. The Lent Offering supports the Ministry Endowment Fund for the spiritual nurturing of clergy and laity in our Diocese. As we are the hands, feet and eyes of Christ in the church, we are continually called to be stewards, that through our generosity and giving we may contribute toward the continuation of the mission of God in the world. We further encourage all the parishes and chapelries to give generous Easter offerings to their incumbents.

### **Archbishop's office**

We give thanks to God for the ministry, the life and the able leadership of Archbishop Thabo. From his Easter message we extract the following words to encourage all of you: "Our everyday life is surrounded by adversaries and as Easter people, in spite of challenges we are to encourage each other and proclaim life in words and deeds". May the Lord continue to empower you with the spirit of the resurrection.

### **Anglicans Ablaze**

This is a conference where people spend time and listen to what God is saying to them. This conference is hosted by Growing-the-Church. The next conference will be held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in Johannesburg. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby will be a keynote speaker. We encourage you to book your seat as soon as possible. Kindly uphold these days in your prayers. For more information visit the official website [www.anglicansablaze.org](http://www.anglicansablaze.org).

### **Clergy school**

The Clergy School had to be postponed unfortunately. It will now take place at St John, East London on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Starting time 10h00. This will be conducted by the Bishop. Each Clergy person is requested to pay R100.00 towards tea and lunch. Kindly make a deposit into the Diocesan Revenue account with FNB: 5232 1144 702; Branch Code 210717. Ref: Your Name/Clergy School.

### **Retired priest in the Diocese**

Our former priest the Revd Canon Ezra Tisani has joined us in the Grahamstown community and also in the diocese. He is currently worshipping at the cathedral. He will be licensed in the near future and given permission to officiate.

### **New Lecturers at COTT**

Dr Frank England is a new lecturer who joined the College at the beginning of the year and his qualifications include BA, BA (Hons), MA, PhD (UCT); BA (Hons), BTh (Hons), MA (UNISA). The Revd Duncan Mbonzana lectures in Leadership Development and a Coordinator for the Provincial Leadership Development Programme. His qualifications include Dip. Th. (St. Bede's); B.Th. (UNUSA); MAP (WITS); MBA (Brunel UK)

### **Provincial News**

The consecration of the Venerable Manuel Ernesto, Bishop Suffragan elect of the Diocese of Niassa will take place on Saturday 14 June 2014 at 15h00 at Nampula. Please uphold him, together with that Diocese, in your prayers.

The following priests were nominated for the election of a Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Mthatha: The Revd Jemuel Tembinkosi Ngombane, The Ven Bonginkosi Mditshane and The Ven Mcebisi Pinyana. The Elective Assembly took place on Tuesday, 20 May 2014.

### **St Michael Nahoon: Advertisement**

We are seeking to appoint a full-time Incumbent for the parish of St Michael and All Angels, Nahoon, East London. The congregation is hospitable and has a strong sense of community. The people are looking forward to attracting more young families, but also need a leader who values the development of cultural diversity and interaction, and ministry to seniors, in a community which has a growing retired population. More details are available on the Diocesan website at [www.grahamstowndiocese.org.za](http://www.grahamstowndiocese.org.za), or write to the Wardens, St Michael and All Angels Church, P O Box 8019, Nahoon, 5210, email: [stmichaels@telkomsa.net](mailto:stmichaels@telkomsa.net).

### **South African Elections**

We give thanks to God for the calmness and success of different political parties during these elections. We pray that God may grant all the elected leaders wisdom to embark and engage in good governance in this country. We are called to be responsible citizens of South Africa and as Christians let us continue to be the salt and light of Christ in places where we find ourselves.

### **Intercessions**

We call upon the Diocesan family to pray for the leadership of Nigeria to negotiate with those responsible for kidnapping the 276 girls. We pray for that they will be released to their homes and families.

We continue to pray for the families of the 239 people who disappeared with the plane in Malaysia. May God strengthen those families.

We pray for those who died and were injured in bombings in Nairobi, Kenya.

We pray for Lay Canon Nontobeko Moletsane who is still in St Dominic's Hospital, East London.

We continue to pray for Revd Pumza Tiso who had a successful operation in the Millpark Hospital, Johannesburg

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, in our busyness it is important to spend time with God, be still and listen with our spiritual ears to what God is saying to us. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Colossians 3:16).

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Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.  
Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out;  
ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and ours are the hands with which  
He is to bless us now. (St Teresa de Avila)