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**Diocese of Grahamstown**

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***Ad Clerum***      **August 2015**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Bishopsbourne**

We are all well at Bishopsbourne. Thank you for loving us and for your consistent prayerful support and for your hospitality and generosity that you show us as we go about the diocese.

**Diocesan Family Weekend**

You are all invited to the Family Weekend starting on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 to Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015. This is a great way of expressing our unity in worship at least once a year where we all come together as a family of the diocese. We have already forwarded the programme to you.

We expect all clergy to attend the clergy schools on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015. We wish you safe travels. Please do find accommodation for yourselves, and please feel free to pack your own lunch for Sunday to supplement what we have.

**Vacant Parishes Advertisements**

Please take note of the following advertisements which are self-explanatory :

**POSITION OF RECTOR IN TWO PARISHES**

1.      **St John & St Chad – Zwelitsha**

In the heartland of Eastern Cape Legislature stands Zwelitsha between Bhisho and King William's Town. A large Xhosa speaking congregation seeks to find a suitably qualified priest with a least 5 years' experience in leading a congregation to become their new Rector.

A person to shepherd and guide the people of God to higher levels of commitment and dedication in serving God and the community in which they live.

Managerial and leadership qualities with the humility of a servant and the heart of a pastor who cares for and loves people of any age and any position is what is looked for in this applicant.

**Responsibilities:** To administer the Sacraments, to solemnise Holy Matrimony, and to perform other Holy Ordinances of the Church, according to the Ritual and Rubric of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa;

**Growing the Church:** to develop the congregation spiritually, to be a mentor and guide, good communicator and open-minded;

**Broad Management Skills:** mainly to supervise pastoral care, as well as to remain relevant with modern economic challenges and their effects on the welfare of the church;

**Unite the Congregation:** to enhance good and effective working relations amongst the congregants, be approachable and warm, compassionate with empathy for others, should appeal to all sections of the parish (flexible), able to work with educated and uneducated people, sensitive to the opinions of the wider congregation, to pray, preach and visit sick and bereaved members, and be a team leader who encourages the development of Lay Ministers;

**Strong Community Interest:** to play a visible role in the public arena and with ecumenical partners, to remain relevant in modern times in all socio-politico aspects of the country;

To leave administration and finance under the care of churchwardens and parish council who will report bi-weekly to him/her on these matters.

For more information and a more detailed profile contact the PA to the Bishop of Grahamstown Revd Canon Cynthia Webstock at [C.Webstock@telkomsa.net](mailto:C.Webstock@telkomsa.net) or Tel. No: 073 180 0311 or the Bishop's office at Tel. No: 046 636 1996 or [bishop@grahamstowndiocese.org.za](mailto:bishop@grahamstowndiocese.org.za)

## 2. **St Paul's Port Alfred with St John's, in Bathurst**

Situated in "Frontier country" and steeped in the history of the English Settlers of the 1820's St Paul's Port Alfred and St John's Bathurst historically stand out as being two of the last outposts of English Colonialism. However in the new and vibrant democracy they engage vibrantly with the communities in which they stand and have embraced our new South African life.

Port Alfred a seaside resort attracts retired and elderly people. Close to Grahamstown and Rhodes University the congregation of about 130 members is friendly predominantly retired group.

The congregation seeks a suitably qualified priest with the heart of a pastor and good interpersonal skills to lead and nurture a parish as Rector that serves St John's, Bathurst and two small settler churches St Mary's

at Cuylerville and St James at Southwell with St Barnabas the Xhosa speaking congregation in Port Alfred which is part of the team ministry of the area along with two outstations St Thomas at Southwell and St Mark at Kenton on Sea.

St Paul's is a training parish. Presently it has three curates, assistant priests who assist with ministry and services with particular ministry to the two retirement villages in the town.

St Paul's has good relationships with the wider church and the Rector is on the board of a CUC church at Ostrich Springs.

All clergy in our diocese are allowed to apply.

### **Ordination**

There will be an ordination service at 10h00 on Saturday, 26 September 2015 at St Alban's, East London. The liturgical colour will be red. We intend, God willing, to ordain the following ordinands to the diaconate:

Alice Barlow-Zambodla – All Saints, East London  
Bongani Boo, St Mary, Pumlani.  
Nkosazana Maqoma – St John, Fort Beaufort,  
Etienne Maree, St Michael's, Nahoon  
Phumelele Mvubu, St Peter's, Peddie  
Weziwe Williams, St Peter's, Peddie

We commend them to your prayers.

### **Collection of :**

#### **1. Lent**

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to our Lenten project of 2015. Others might have forgotten to forward their giving to the Diocese. In that case, could you kindly do so as soon as possible.

#### **2. Ukhahlamba**

Thank you to those who are regularly contributing. Could you settle the outstanding amounts before the end of September 2015? We are about to review our 5 year journey with the Diocese of Khahlamba.

#### **3. Insurance**

Please ensure that your parish is adequately insured. Please pay your insurance up to date as we are drawing closer to our renewal date which is the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2016.

## **Theological Sunday**

Remember that in the previous *Ad Clerum* we have deferred theological Sunday to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2015. Could you deposit the collections, donations and gifts into our revenue account :

First National Bank  
Account Number: 5232 1144 702  
Branch Code: 210717  
Reference: Parish/Theological Sunday

## **Intercessory prayers for :**

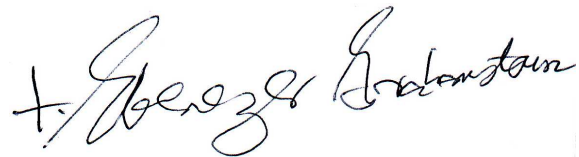
Fr Mluleki Mize and family on the loss of Mrs Vuyiswa Mize.  
Mrs Nolu Mbolekwa wife of Revd Godukile Mbolekwa who is still suffering ill-health and the Revd Ndzondelelo Yili, permanent deacon at St Augustine, Grahamstown.  
The parishes of St Francis, Mdantsane and St Mark's Cambridge

## **Closure**

Be assured of our payers as we are all partners in God's mission. See you at the Family Weekend.

Grace and peace

Yours in the service of the Shepherd of shepherds



BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

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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)