

AD CLERUM

February 5th, 2008- No 1

“RECEIVE THE CURE OF SOULS WHICH
IS BOTH MINE AND YOURS”

Dear brothers and
sisters in the Lord,

Grace and Peace to you. Just some quick notices and reminders.

1. Clergy matters:

1. **The Revd R. Mngomezulu:** as from 1st February 2008, Russell is a member of the clergy in the Diocese of Port Elizabeth. His long standing application for employment in that Diocese was finally accepted on December 21st, 2007. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Russell for many years of good and faithful service in our Diocese and wish him God's blessings in his new ministry in Port Elizabeth. He has been appointed Rector of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, KwaZakhele in Port Elizabeth.

1.2 **Clergy Institutions:** as previously announced to you, all the forthcoming institutions will be conducted personally by the Bishop. Take note of the following dates so that we may keep all interested clergy and their parishes in our prayers:

#	10 th February:	The Revd Mxolisi Tembe, St Stephen's, Emthonjeni;
#	17 th February:	The Revd S. Mndaweni, St Augustine's, Nquthu
#	24 th February:	The Revd Canon N. Ntshangase, Emmanuel, Mbazwana;
#	02 nd March:	The Revd L. Dumisa, KwaMsindisi, Enseleni (AM) and the Revd B. Luff, St Aidan's United Church, KwaMbonambi;
#	09 th March:	The Revd M. Majola, St Cyprian's, Mahashini;
#	16 th March:	The Revd M. Sebowane, St Michael and All Angels, Utrecht;
#	06 th April:	The Revd M. Mthembu, St Andrew's, KwaChwezi;
#	13 th April:	The Revd Z. Majola, St Agatha's, Maduladula;
#	20 th April:	The Revd E. Ngcamu, All Saints, Vumanhlamvu
#	27 th April:	The Revd R. Mbonambi, All Saints, Hlajakazi;
#	11 th May:	The Revd K. Afrikander, Ekuvukeni, Phongolo
#	18 th May:	The Revd S. Sithole, All Saints, Msebe.

2. MISSION ACTION PLAN (M.A.P.):

I hope you are all hard at work formulating the MAP for your parish. The Pastoral Plan,

“Communion for Mission”, and the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter for 2008, “Our Spirituality of Communion”, should help you in the process of applying the Diocesan Vision to your own context. Do not rush into this process! Give your parishioners enough time to engage themselves in a visioning process that is thorough and comprehensive. In case you need any help, our newly appointed Canon for the Pastoral Plan will be only too happy to assist you in this process. Remember that the Pastoral Plan will only succeed in as far as we think creatively and strategically in our local congregations. I hope that by Easter 2008 all our parishes will have completed the formulation of their MAP. This year, as I continue with my schedule of parish visitations, I will be looking forward to seeing your MAPS.

3. **Lent 2008:** I wish you all and your parishioners a blessed season of Lent. Let us make the most of this holy season as we journey towards the celebration of the Easter mysteries being constant in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I have applied my mind to the many needs in our parishes and I propose that the Lenten Offerings for 2008 be given to the Parish of Christ the King, Manguzi, for the building of a new church at KwaS’khemelele.

4. **Clergy Quiet Day:** on Wednesday in Holy Week, at the Cathedral of St Michael and All Angels, Eshowe. Tea will be served at 09H30 and will be followed at 10H00 by a meditation by the Bishop. The Chrism Eucharist and the Renewal of our Priestly Vows will follow at 12H30. We will share a lunch at ca. 14H00.

5. **Installation of the new Archbishop of Cape Town:** will take place on Sunday 30th March 2008 in the Cathedral of St George, Cape Town. The Archbishop has requested that at each diocese be represented by the Bishop, one clergy, one lay person and a child of between 10 and 17 years of age. Our Diocese will be represented by the Bishop, the Dean, a lay canon of the Diocese, Ms Buyiswa Ntshangase and a representative of the youth of the Diocese, Josiah Gumede, son of Dean Gumede. I invite you all to continue praying for Archbishop Thabo and his family as they prepare to take on this great ministry in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

6. **Revised Prayer for Africa:** I encourage you all to promote it and to pray it as part of your parish worship and your personal prayer. It reads as follows:

God bless Africa
Protect her children
Transform her leaders
Heal her communities
Restore her dignity
And give her peace.
For Jesus Christ’s sake.
Amen

Have a blessed Lenten Season.

Yours in the love of Jesus,

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