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Diocese of George Heart to Heart Lent 2021

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:12

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Lent this year follow shortly after Valentine's Day, this might be a call to us to revisit the state of our own hearts?

God desires the whole of us, our entire hearts – whatever they may hold of joy, brokenness, dreams, anxieties, hope. Lent invites us to tend to and restore our own fragmented hearts to their right relationship with God, with our neighbour and with all of creation. From this place of whole making, we can also practice deeper compassion, an antidote to the cruelty and violence that arise from the heartlessness of our times. We can more fully welcome those who are disheartened – separated from heart, alienated from the centre, struggling to hear the steady, rhythmic pulse of God's tender care for each of us.

As we enter the season of Lent, let us reflect on the longing of our own hearts and on God's deepest desire for the whole of us.

My prayer is that each of us will be more open to God's grace and that our lives will be enriched and that Lent, and the Easter Season, will hold more meaning for us.

Yours in the service of Christ,

+ Brian George

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Notices:

1. Elected and Appointed Canons and Archdeacons

We want to congratulate the following clergy on their election as Canons:

- The Reverend Canon Darian Petersen, Rector of the Parish of St Pauls, George
- The Reverend Canon Russel Claasen, Rector of the Parish of St Andrews, Riversdale
- The Reverend Canon Roger Muller, Rector of the Parish of St Jude's, Oudtshoorn

We want to congratulate the following on their appointment as Canons:

- The Reverend Canon Jerome, as Canon Theologian of the Diocese, Rector from the Parish of St James, Knysna
- The Reverend Canon Sharon Domingo-Blaauw, Rector of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Belvedere

We want to congratulate the following clergy on their appointment as Archdeacons:

- The Venerable Edwin Pockpass, Rector of the Parish of Formosa and Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Knysna
- The Venerable Lyndon du Plessis, Rector of the Parish of All Saints, Mossel Bay and Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Mossel Bay
- The Venerable Rudy Laws, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, Beaufort-West, Archdeaconry of the Ordinary, responsible for Property Development

2. Institutions and Licensing

- The Reverend Jo-Ann Claassen, as Rector of the Parish of St Matthews, Beaufort-West, on Sunday, 21 February 2021, at 3 pm.
- The Reverend Canon Sharon Domingo-Blaauw, as Rector of Holy Trinity, Belvedere, on Thursday, 11 March 2021, at 6 pm.
- The Reverend Deon Manuel, to be licensed as an Assistant Priest in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Belvedere, on Thursday, 11 March 2021, at 6 pm.
- The Reverend Canon Jerome Prins, as Rector of the Parish of St James, Knysna, on Sunday, 14 March 2021, at 3 pm.
- The Reverend Keith Muller, as Rector of St Augustine's, Melkhoutfontein, with responsibility for St Luke's, Albertinia, on Wednesday, 17 March 2021, at 7 pm.
- The Reverend Wayne Potgieter, as Rector of the Parish of St Simons, Oudtshoorn, with responsibility for St John's, Bongulethu, on Wednesday, 11 April 2021, at 3 pm.

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- The Reverend Wilton Muller, as Rector of the Parish of St Mary, the Virgin, Blanco, George, on Sunday, 18 April 2021, at 3 pm.

3. Lent Course

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba writes:

Dear People of God

We enter Lent this year at a time of unprecedented suffering as a consequence of Covid-19. But while, thanks to medical science and collective action, we can be confident that this pandemic too shall pass, the “hidden pandemic” of our times – gender-based violence – remains deeply rooted in our society.

It is with that in mind that Provincial Standing Committee commissioned “[Living Holy and Healthy Relationships](#)” as the Lent Course for 2021. As the introduction says, “Given that GBV brings such deep devastation to individuals, families and communities, we are often overwhelmed by the disastrous effects of this violence.” But just as we can overcome Covid-19, so too can we overcome GBV if we dedicate as many resources as possible, both spiritually and through collective action, to uprooting this evil.

I commend warmly “[Living Holy and Healthy Relationships](#)” and appeal to you to engage earnestly with it, mustering all the energy you can to working among those in your patch of God’s Kingdom to bring about the changes in outlook and behaviour needed to end permanently this scourge.

To the Provincial Liturgical Committee and the Parish of St Francis of Assisi Parish, Parkview, we extend our thanks for the fine work they have done.

God bless.

†† Thabo Cape Town

[2021-ACSA-Lent-Course-Holy-and-Healthy-Relationships](#)[Download](#)

4. Lent Offering

You welcome to request Lent Envelops from the Diocesan Office for the Lent Offering.

We thank all who have supported the ministry of the Church through their Lent Offering.

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