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**Chapel of Ease:**

**St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot**



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

**We are Baptized to Witness and Minister  
In the Name of Jesus Christ**

**CLERGY**

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**The Rector is out of office on Mondays.**

**Second excerpts from the Diocesan Bishop's Charge 2017 at Synod****Theme: The People of God: Called to Transformational Mission**

We hardly need media exposure on any issue to tell us that there are things which are amiss within our household, the Diocese, and that there is a sense of urgency to the task of taking appropriate steps towards arresting the deficiencies in the exercise of our mission and ministry and the decline and stagnation which have been impacting various areas of the Church's life. So, there are contemporary challenges to which the church must respond if it is to demonstrate to its members and the world that it is indeed the community of love, compassion and reconciliation it claims to be. For example, given the increasing sensitizing of the society to domestic violence and child abuse and violence directed against children in our society, the church must step forward and deepen and broaden its advocacy for the cause of our children, but must also use its existing network of congregations, as well as create linkages with existing NGOs to educate and actively sponsor programs which are geared towards prevention and rehabilitation of victims of abuse and violence. And here I must proffer the notion that, the reason some persons express so much frustration and anger at the church is the fact that we (the church in its broadest definition) have a network that has no equivalence in this country.

This is not just a call to issue statements of condemnation each time an incident occurs, as some would like us to do, but to become more involved in advocacy, education, and other preventative measures, rather than simply dealing with the curative dimensions when persons have already been victimized and lives distorted. During the course of our Synod this is one area on which we will be focusing attention in our plenary sessions.

Additionally, while the ongoing life of the Diocese is being maintained by the faithfulness of many within the ranks of the clergy and laity, there is a sense of urgency for us to confront in more creative ways the issues related to decline in membership, the participation of youth in the life of the Church and in youth-directed ministries; the absence of Sunday School in some congregations even as the school system plays a decreasing role in any form of Christian education; the limitations in the financial resources available for the mission of the church; and the demographic changes which are impacting both urban and rural congregations. As a response to this latter concern of demographic changes and their impact on the mission of the church, we will be engaged in exploring a mapping exercise which should put some rationality to these concerns.

Additionally, we have to do a better job of communicating with our membership and the wider society using all the channels available to us, and as mandated by the relevant Resolution which was passed last Synod, and to which end a report on a Communications Policy will be tabled at this Synod.

**Faith of our mothers, living still**

1. Faith of our mothers, living still  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery lore and fireside love,  
Thy presence still pervades the air:  
Faith of our mothers, living faith!  
We will be true to thee to death.

2. Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
Fount of our childhood's trust and  
grace,  
Oh, may thy consecration prove  
Source of a finer, nobler race:  
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,  
How blurred our vision, blind our way,  
Thy providential care without:  
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

4. Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,  
Still serve the home and save the Church,  
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:  
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

**Canticle : God's Paschal Lamb (Sine Nomine)**

1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;  
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again;  
death has no more dominion over him;  
Through him we die to sin and live to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:  
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,  
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**President**

We shall pray for Christ Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church. Lord in your mercy.

*All: Hear our prayer*

**Leader:** Lord, as you have called us to walk in your way, make us the people that you would have us be. Guide us that we may do what you would have us do, that we may reveal your truth, and lead others to the fullness of life, that we may be a chosen people, a royal priesthood, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. We pray for the church, its mission and for the clergy, for John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers. Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

*All: Guide us in the path of life.*

**Leader:** We pray for all who are in positions of authority and all who make decisions that affect the life of our nation Jamaica. For Patrick, Governor General, Andrew, Prime Minister, Peter, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, members of the House of Representatives and for all members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice, safeguard human rights and promote the well-being of our people. Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

*All: Guide us in the path of life.*

**Leader:** We pray for all mothers and those who have mothered so many children. We thank God for their love, care and support of our children. We pray for all who are confused about the truth, or about life, for all whose minds are disturbed, for all who have lost their way. We pray for all who live a lie and are unable to face reality. We pray for all who are not at peace. We come to you with all whose hearts are troubled and anxious to know the joy and peace of the risen Christ. Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

*All: Guide us in the path of life.*

**Leader:** For victims of rage and sudden violence, especially for abused children and spouses, for victims of extortion, of murder, crime, and of natural catastrophe. We pray for all who

are being destroyed by guilt, all who are unable to accept forgiveness and be changed. We ask for your blessing upon all who are troubled by memories of the past. We pray especially for all who feel betrayed or deserted by others. We remember before you, friends and loved ones who are ill.

Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

**All: *Guide us in the path of life.***

**Leader:** We give thanks for the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. We pray for all our friends who have departed this life, that they may be numbered with your saints in glory everlasting. Lord, lead us in the ways of peace.

**All: *Guide us in the path of life.***

### **Silence May Kept**

**Lord, guide us that we may walk in your way, rejoice in your truth, and be kept for ever in the life which you give, which is eternal; through him who lived and died and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .**

### **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

|                    |                   |               |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Clifford Strudwick | Joscelyn Richards | Beryl Gillies |
| Heron Wright       | Denise Lewin      | Hugh Williams |
| Marjorie Stewart   | Carol Lawla       | Carol Davis   |
| Sheila Brown       | Kathleen Taylor   | Gem Abrahams  |

### **VISIONING PRAYER OF THE DIOCESE**

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and by whose grace we have been called into a goodly fellowship of faith: Send down upon our bishops, other clergy, and all your faithful people an outpouring of your Holy Spirit for the renewal and mission of your Church. Give us a vision of where you would lead your Church, and so discern new things that you are doing in your Church and the world. By your grace, save us from unnecessary distractions, so that we may be able to determine your will for us, go forward perceiving that which is right, and have the courage to pursue the same, to the end that we may utilize the gifts which you have given to each of us for the furtherance of your will in simplicity, confidence and steadfastness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Faith Formation and Christian Education

### Did you know?

Many Christians in Protestant [and Reformed] Churches traditionally have a “sunrise service,” early Easter morning, since this was the time of day that the women in the Gospel story went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus, only to find it empty, because He had been raised from the dead. In this way, the tone is set on Easter Day for the rest of the Christian year, since the resurrection of Christ by the power of God is the foundation of the Christian Church. The sun rising over the horizon is therefore a suitable symbol that reminds us of the new life that the resurrection of Christ brings to everyone. (Michael Keene, *Introducing Christianity*, 1998).

### Quote for reflection

"My Lord, I have nothing to do in this world, but to seek and serve thee; I have nothing to do with my heart and its affections, but to breathe and yearn for thee. I have nothing to do with my tongue and pen, but to speak to and for thee, and to publish thy glory and thy will. What have I to do with all my reputation, and interest in my friends, but to increase thy Church, and propagate thy Holy Truth and Service? What have I to do with my remaining time, even these last and languishing hours, but to look up to thee, and wait for thy Grace, and thy Salvation?" (Richard Baxter, *Dying Thoughts on Philippians 1:23*, 1683)

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK (May 14 - May 20)

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|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday    | 5:30 p.m.        | Bible Study                     |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist                  |
|           | 5:30 p.m.        | Finance Committee               |
| Wednesday | 6:30 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist                  |
| Thursday  | 5:30 p.m.        | SAPC Choir Rehearsal            |
|           | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Church Committee Meeting</b> |
| Friday    | 9:00 a.m.        | Holy Eucharist                  |
| Saturday  | 11:00 a.m.       | Little Brothers                 |
|           | 2:00 p.m.        | Alleluia Choir Rehearsal        |
|           | 4:00 p.m.        | AYF                             |

**Healing Conference - Holiday Inn, Montego Bay, May 26 & 27.**

**St. Luke's Church presents, Jazz & Blues Concert, May 28, 6.  
J.C Auditorium. cost \$2,000.**

# PARISH NEWS

**Birthdays for this week:** Beverly Atkinson 14/05, Sharon Campbell 15/05, Tony Patel 16/05, Carol Ledgister and Clover Chung 17/05, Obraghi Stewart and Carol Bowes 18/05, Paulette Fraser and Frank James 19/05, and Stephen Briggs 20/05.

**Condolence** is extended to the family of Sister Phyllis Thomas. Her funeral service will be held on Saturday 20. Also to Vaneter Mott on the passing of her husband Laurel Mott, and to the family of Joan Hamilton whose funeral service will be at St. George's Church, Savanna-la-mar on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here today, May 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. by the Diocesan Bishop.**

**The annual St. Andrew Deanery Sunday School Festival** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 21, 2017** at the Church of the Ascension, Mona, **beginning at 3:00 p.m.**

Parents and guardians are being encouraged to make arrangements to have their children/wards attend this wonderful event.

**Transportation will leave St. Andrew Parish Church at 2:15 p.m. and return at 6:00 p.m.**

*For further information please contact the Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Jacqueline Mighty.*

## **I serve a risen Savior**

I serve a risen Savior,  
he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living,  
whatever men may say;  
I see his hand of mercy,  
I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him  
he's always near.

### **Refrain:**

*He lives, he lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

2. In all the world around me  
I see his loving care,  
and tho' my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading  
through all the stormy blast,  
the day of his appearing  
will come at last.

### **Refrain**

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him,  
the help of all who find,  
no other is so loving,  
so good and kind.

### **Refrain**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017 - Year A

**6:30 a.m.**

### HOLY EUCHARIST

|  |                           |  |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| First Reading                          | Acts 7: 55 - 60           | Clover Chung   |
| Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16<br>(BCP page 503) | <b>Refrain:</b> (All sit) | <i>“O Lord you are my God, I<br/>put my trust in you.”</i> |
| Epistle                                | 1 Peter 2: 2 - 10         | Marcia Palmer  |
| Gospel                                 | John 14: 1 - 14           |  |
| Prayer of Intercession                 | Page 4                    |  |

**8:00 a.m.**

### SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

|  |                                      |                                    |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Processional                           | 171                                  |                                    |
| First Reading                          | Acts 7: 55 - 60                      | Jacqueline Mighty                  |
| Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16<br>(BCP page 503) |                                      |                                    |
| Epistle                                | 1 Peter 2: 2 - 10                    | Yvonne Hall                        |
| Gradual                                | 501                                  | (Children leave for Sunday School) |
| Gospel                                 | John 14: 1 - 14                      |                                    |
| Sermon                                 |                                      |                                    |
| Prayer of Intercession                 | Page 4                               |                                    |
| Offertory Hymn                         | 529                                  |                                    |
| During Communion                       | 600, 570, 620, [612]                 |                                    |
| Sunday School                          | I am a promise, Faith of our Mothers |                                    |
| Recessional                            | I Serve a Risen Saviour              |                                    |

**10:30 a.m.**

### CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

**6:00 p.m.**

### THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION