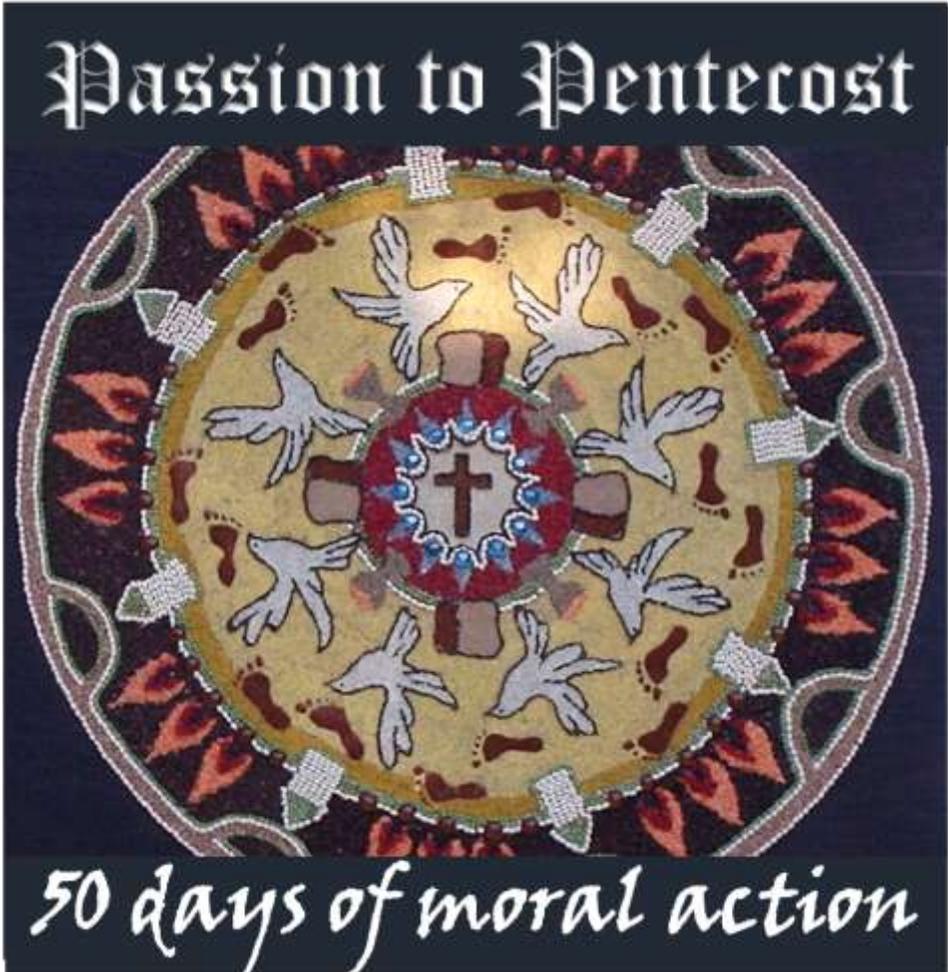


50 days of moral action

Diocese of Johannesburg

Anglican Church of Southern Africa



In the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost I, Steve your Bishop, call all members of the Diocese to engage in

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Passion to Pentecost

In the face of the extraordinary crisis of the immorality of public life in South Africa I call you to moral action. Immorality is not so much about unacceptable sexual behaviour: it is about corruption, wickedness, dishonesty, bribery, fraud, all of which are at the heart of our public and political life in South Africa today. This is a crisis, a *kairos*. Crisis is always an opportunity, the opportunity to do something different, to risk, to live morally and with integrity in every aspect of our lives, and to insist on morality in our public life. Stupidity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Let's stop being stupid and do something different! We cannot expect the state of immorality in South Africa to change if we as the people of the Diocese of Johannesburg stay silent and do nothing. In the face of the immoral let us commit to

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What does this mean? How do we do it?

1. The 50 days between Passion to Pentecost should be a **period of prayer and reflection on Morality and Integrity** in South African society in general and in government, in business and in our own lives in particular.
2. **Every Friday until Pentecost is a day of public action.** Parishes can hold a special Service, a Prayer Vigil, or a local Act of Public Witness or keep the church open for prayer for the day or part thereof.
3. **Every Friday until Pentecost is a day fasting and prayer.** All parishes to encourage parishioners, as an act of penitence for our own failings, to fast from food, and to drink only water, for 12 hours on each Friday.
4. **Weekly discussion groups in each parish** for the next eight weeks, to consider and discuss a particular aspect of Morality and Integrity. **I will send a very short letter to be read each Sunday** in which I will raise an aspect of Morality and Integrity. This letter can form the basis for discussion. Parish Lent groups might continue to meet to discuss these issues, or new groups might be formed.
5. **Special Event at Pentecost.** Finally, I encourage each parish, either on its own or together with other Christians in their area, to plan an event on the Day of Pentecost, to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who leads us out of darkness and into the light, from immorality to morality.

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Themes for Each Week

Sunday April 16. **Easter Day**

Theme for the Week: **The Morality of the Resurrection**

Monday and Tuesday April 17 & 18:

Prayer and Vigils Vote of No Confidence

Sunday April 23. **Easter 2.**

Theme for the Week: **The Morality of Freedom**

Sunday April 30. **Easter 3.**

Theme for the Week: **Morality at Work and in Business**

Sunday May 7. **Easter 4.**

Theme for the Week: **Morality in Public Service**

Sunday May 14. **Easter 5**

Theme for the Week: **Morality in our Personal Lives**

Sunday May 21. **Easter 6**

Theme for the Week: **The Morality of Community**

Sunday May 28. **Easter 7**

Theme for the Week: **The Morality of Dependence**

Sunday June 4. **Pentecost - Our Journey's End**

Theme for the Week: **The Morality of the Holy Spirit.**

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To help with your planning

Date	Day	Theme of the Week	Transformative Action Fridays
April 16	Easter Day	The Morality of the Resurrection	
April 17 to 18	<i>Vote of No Confidence</i>		Monday and Tuesday Prayer Vigils
April 23	Easter 2	The Morality of Freedom	
April 30	Easter 3	Morality at Work and in Business	
May 7	Easter 4	Morality in Public Service	
May 14	Easter 5	Morality in our Personal Lives	
May 21	Easter 6	The Morality of Community	
May 28	Easter 7	The Morality of Dependence	
June 4	Pentecost	The Morality of the Holy Spirit	

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