

## WELCOME FR LANKIRI AND FAMILY!!



**Fr Lankiri Thaba (“Tarba”)** was born in Lesotho but more recently has ministered in South Africa. He is a very warm and engaging man, very well qualified both in experience and academically. (He is near the end of his Master’s Degree).

Fr Lankiri has enjoyed ministry in a very cosmopolitan parish as well as in other diverse ethnic communities in rural areas in Lesotho and in Soweto, Johannesburg and Cape Town. You can look him up on Google and Facebook, and also his current parish, the Church of the Resurrection, Bonteheuvel, Cape Town.

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPKLO7zt5GI>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100007591429398> [Lankiri Thaba](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Church-of-Resurrection-Bonteheuvel/303037516832365)  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Church-of-Resurrection-Bonteheuvel/303037516832365> and you might find more too!

He is in his 50s, married to **Makay (“Markay”)** (aka Claudia) and has three sons. The oldest has a partner and child and will not be accompanying the family, but the younger boys, Charlie 19 and Theo 10, will be coming. The men in the family are all keen soccer fans but will need to be introduced to Aussie Rules too. His wife is a pastry cook who currently has a business making and decorating celebration cakes. See her work on her Facebook page: <https://web.facebook.com/Makayscakes>

They are leaving a lovely house in Cape Town but are looking forward to living in

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our renovated vicarage in the heart of Geelong.

Fr Lankiri has a sister living in Melbourne, and knows the bishop and some clergy in the Diocese of Wangaratta who have also come from South Africa. He was offered a parish there before Covid stopped all travel.

You are probably wondering why we have gone to South Africa, but if you read the TMA you will be aware of the shortage of clergy available in the Diocese of Melbourne, and I think the situation is similar around the country. Bishop Kate was searching for us and approaching clergy from Melbourne and beyond without success. She continued to make enquiries on our behalf. The incumbency committee were given several names to look at, CVs to check and interviews to conduct by Zoom. This was interesting, I have been involved with the previous three appointments and I can tell you that when we were not able to walk around the church and the vicarage and chat we needed to be far more active in our asking of questions. We were unanimous in our choice of Fr Lankiri, as was the bishop and archdeacon. Of course as with any new appointment there will be challenges and changes. As parishioners we will have a lot to give but also a lot to learn, but we are confident that you will make the family welcome, enjoy and learn from Fr Lankiri's ministry which will help us to make our parish flourish.

*Judy Munro, Shurlee Swain & Susan Murrant*

*(Christ Church Incumbency Committee)*

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