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**Dear Media colleagues,**

Following his call for a divine intervention, the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Xola Pakati together with the City’s leadership will be attending a church service that will lead a prayer for rain on Sunday 24/09/17 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Albany street (next to the EL Private Hospital).

The service will commence at 09h30 and will be led by Father Peter Whitehead. It will last for an hour and a half.

The Executive Mayor will also share a few words with the congregation towards the end of the service.

This week, the City released a media statement calling on its residents to use water cautiously as there are strong possibilities that we are heading for drought.

In the upcoming Mayoral Imbizos which will be held early next month in King Williams Town, Mdantsane, East London and Ncerha, the Municipality will also be using the occasion to pray for rain together with all religious devotions.

Attached is more information about the water situation in BCMM.

Regards

**For more information, contact Municipal Spokesperson Samkelo Ngwenya on 0735574707 or Mayoral spokesperson Luzuko Buku on 083 254 8463.**