



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth**

*Welcoming, inclusive, united family!*

*PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR*

22 July 2022

*Feast of St Mary Magdalene*

Re: Letter of Appreciation to All Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,

In this Diamond Jubilee Year, when we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our Parish Church, we address this letter to you, with a deep sense of gratitude. The last two years have had its fair share of uncertainty in so many spheres of life which affected all of us; through the grace of God and the loving support of this community, we are able to *look at the past with thankfulness, live the present with enthusiasm, and look to the future with hope.*

The main purpose of this correspondence is to express, on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, our heartfelt thanks to all those parishioners who honoured their commitment to this parish through pledges, collections, donations and fundraising. Throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic, despite the strain which the various levels of lockdown placed on our income, the parish has managed to meet all the ordinary expenses, which include our responsibility towards our priests, the administrative and support staff, monthly diocesan levies, essential maintenance of church buildings and grounds, ongoing formation lay ministers, and our commitment to the poor.

This is all thanks to your generosity which can be seen, not only in your financial support of the parish, but by your participation in the life of the community, in our liturgy, catechesis and various ministries and sodalities. In this way, we are *journeying together in faith* as we realise our vision of becoming a *welcoming, inclusive, and united family.*

By offering your *time, talents, and treasure*, you assist the parish to fulfil its pastoral and administrative duties. Thus, all parishioners, who are employed or have a regular income, are invited to pledge every month, and, if they are not already doing so, to register and request a pledge number through the Parish Office. Make use of the "smart option" – *Electronic Transfer/EFT of weekly collections directly into the Parish Bank Account – use your name and "virtual collection"/pledge number as a reference. The Banking Details, for this purpose, are as follows – Standard Bank: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Account Number: 080389007; Branch: Port Elizabeth; Branch Code: 050-017.*

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Lubabalo Mguda  
Parish Priest

Fr Runaine Radine  
Assistant Priest

*On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee*