

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
Welcoming, inclusive, united family!
EVANGELISING COMMUNITY SERVING
GOD, HUMANITY & ALL CREATION



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 01 OCTOBER 2023 – SEASON OF CREATION

Last week, we were contemplating the generosity of God in its lengths, depths and widths; beyond the horizon of human imagination. This week the Word of God invites us to contemplate the justice and mercy of God even further. Once again, we realise that the ways of God are not the same as our ways. The Psalmist sings of this beauty of the Lord; *“Remember your compassion, O Lord, / and your merciful love, / for they are from of old / Do not remember the sins of my youth, / nor my transgressions...”* The Diamond Jubilee Mission that begins this weekend is meant to remind us that with the Lord there is fullness of redemption (cf Psalm 130:7). Let us take advantage of this period of grace in our Parish Community of the Sacred Heart, by participating fully in the activities of the next two weeks. May the Holy Spirit come down on us and renew the hearts of all our parishioners for the glory of God.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 30 Sept	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 25: 4-9	Thanksgiving for all the Rain
08h00	Sunday 1 October	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Reading 2: Phil 2:1-11;	RIP - Christopher McCallum RIP – Maureen Radine
10H30	Sunday 1 October	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32	SVDP – Deceased & Living Members
08h30	Monday 2 October	MEMORIAL – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	Zechariah 8: 1 – 8, Psalm 102: 16 – 18, 19 – 21, 29	For the Success of the Parish Mission
08h30	Tuesday 3 October	Tuesday of the Twenty Sixth Week in Ordinary Time – Year 1	Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87; Luke 9:51-56	For the Success of the Parish Mission
08H30	Wednesday 4 October	MEMORIAL – ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	Nehemiah 2:1-8; Psalm 137:1-6; Luke 9:57-62	20 th Anniversary of the Ordination of Deacon Augustine
08H30	Thursday 5 October	Thursday of the Twenty Sixth Week in Ordinary Time – Year 1	Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 19:8-11; Luke 10:1-12	For the Success of the Parish Mission
08h30	Friday 6 October	Friday of the Twenty Sixth Week in Ordinary Time – Year 1	Bar 1:15-21; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16	For the Success of the Parish Mission
17h00	7 October	TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Reading 1: Isaiah 5: 1 – 7; Psalm 80: 9, 12-16, 19-20	RIP – Sean Gin
08h00	8 October	TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Reading 2: Philippians 4: 6 - 9	57 th Wedding Anniversary Danny & Lilly Oosthuizen-
10H30	8 October	TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 21:33-43	RIP – Glynn Brown

SACRED HEART, GQEBERHA: MISSION (1 - 15 October 2023) - A special Welcome to Fr Tyrone Sam, CSSR, who has graciously accepted the invitation of the Sacred Heart Community to lead us in this Fifteen Day Diamond Jubilee Mission of Renewal, Rediscovery and Restoration.

HOSPITALITY: THE COMMUNITY OF THE SACRED HEART IS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE UNITED FAMILY

NEW PARISHIONERS: Register as a New Parishioner and receive an e-Newsletter every Friday.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office for details as there will be baptisms on 5 November 2023 @8am.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact the Parish Office at least **ONE YEAR (12 MONTHS)** before the wedding. **DO NOT BOOK ANY VENUES WITHOUT MEETING WITH FR LUBABALO**

LITURGY MEETING: Will be held on Wednesday 25 October at 6h30 in the Upper Room.

PPC PLENARY MEETING: Will be held on Wednesday 18th October at 18:30 in the Upper Room.

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed: • **Group 4 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 30 September 23 @ 08h00**

• **Group 5 will be distributing soup next Saturday 7 October 23, at 08h00**

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Toilet Rolls, Sunlight Soap Bar, Face Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Sanitary Products , Sunlight Liquid and Handy Andy to be placed in the trolley in the foyer.

SVDP Special Appeal: We appeal to parishioners for a Three Quarter bed for an elderly person.

UPCOMING PARISH/DEANERY EVENT

SEASON OF CREATION: "LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW" – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 4 OCTOBER 2023.

We invite all parishioners to **donate seeds** of fruits and vegetables to the Akhanani Good Shepherd Mission - Sr Zelna

GOLF DAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2024: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE, ALL GOLFERS, DONORS, SPONSORS, AND VOLUNTEERS, WHO MADE THE SACRED HEART INAUGURAL GOLF DAY A HUGE SUCCESS.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: We invite Parishioners to register at the parish office for the blessing of the graves of family members beginning on the Saturday 4th November from 9am – 11 am in the different cemeteries of Gqeberha, if there are many more families we will extend the blessing of graves to the next Saturday. **Graves will only be blessed if families are present and have registered with the Parish Office.**

PIOUS LISTS: The month of November is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. The Pious envelopes will be available from this weekend in the foyer on the table. Parishioners are invited to take envelopes and complete them and hand them over to the **Parish Office before 31 October, 2023.**

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: Please make use of the **"Smart Option"** – Electronic Transfer/EFT of weekly collections directly into our Parish Bank Account – **Standard Bank: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Account Number: 080389007; Branch: Port Elizabeth; Branch Code: 050017.**

EASTERN PROVINCE SICK PRIEST FUND – SICK PRIEST FUND Second collection done last weekend, thanks very much for your generous contributions it is highly appreciated.

LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR 2024: Please place your orders via the Office for Liturgical Calendars and Bible Diaries ASAP. Every Catholic home should have a Liturgical Calendar, to follow the Scripture Readings, Feasts of the Saints, etc, for each day of the year. To help with our reflection on the daily readings and prayer, Bible Diaries are published, giving the readings, a short reflection and a prayer for each day.

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jean Ah Kun, Leslie Ah Shene, Barbara Andre, Beryl Bowler, Valerie Brown, Gerald Burger, Maria De Freitas, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Helen Emmerick, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Gladys Harper, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Germaine Hogg, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Basil Knight, Lucia Leander, Nancy and Ronnie Leeson, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Linda Smith, Leo Smithies, Gerald Spence, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Gwen Williams, Diane Williams.

CONDOLENCES: As the Community of the Sacred Heart, we extend our heartfelt condolences and assurance of prayers to the Randine Family on the passing of Maureen Randine, Maternal Grandmother of Fr Runaine: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.