

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

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PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
(June 2021 – June 2022)



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) – 02/03 APRIL 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as “Passion Sunday” when the statues are veiled in our churches. In the final days before Holy Week, we intensify our Lenten observances so that we will celebrate the Easter Mysteries with minds and hearts renewed. The gospel this Sunday relates the moving story of the woman caught in adultery; when brought to Jesus, instead of condemnation, she experiences mercy and forgiveness and the chance to start over. This is the beauty of Lent – *returning to the Lord* – who is full of compassion. Bishop Zungu has urged the faithful of the diocese to return to the Lord this Lent and Easter by returning to Sunday Mass. In a pastoral letter dated 28 March 2022, the Bishop re-instates the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, thus lifting the dispensation which was in place over the last two years due to the Pandemic. The Bishop writes: *“This Lenten Season of 2022 in particular is the favourable time to come back to full, active and conscious participation in the Liturgical life of the Church through faithful observance of the Eucharist on Sundays and other Holy Days of obligation. I formally reinstate the Sunday obligation as of now (with immediate effect) and call for normalization of befitting preparation and celebration of the sacramental life of the Church in our Diocese”.*

Schedule for Masses, Para-Liturgies/Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	02 Apr	Holy Mass – Fifth Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126
08h00	Sunday	03 Apr	Holy Mass – Fifth Sunday of Lent	Philippians 3:8-14
10h30	Sunday	03 Apr	Holy Mass – Fifth Sunday of Lent	John 8:1-11
		04 Apr		Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:12-20
17h30	Tuesday	05 Apr	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration) <i>Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
18h00			Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
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06h00	Wednesday	06 Apr	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28; John 8:31-42
18h30			Penitential Service (with Individual Confession)	
08h30	Thursday	07 Apr	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
08h30	Friday	08 Apr	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
18h00			Stations of the Cross (CWL)	
	Saturday	09 Apr		Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-57

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Fifth Week of Lent – Readings for Weekdays from Daily Lenten Readings/Sundays from “YEAR C”)

** For the safety of all, please comply with the Covid-19 health and safety protocols, whenever visiting the church **

MASS INTENTIONS: Holy Mass is both a celebratory banquet as well as a sacrifice. It is the highest form of prayer and praise with immeasurable spiritual benefits. There is no prayer that surpasses that of the Mass. Every Mass is offered for all people, especially those in need. The Church encourages “full, active and conscious participation” by all the Christian Faithful in the liturgy. As a way of participating more intimately in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, it has long been the pious tradition, that the faithful request a Mass to be offered for their particular intentions, be it on the occasion of your birthday, wedding anniversary, death/death anniversary of a loved one, in thanksgiving or for any special intention. **If you are marking any of these occasions in April, the envelopes for the offerings are now available in the foyer.** Those who are able to give an offering or stipend to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share in, and express, its concern to support its ministers and works, especially in Lent. **Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:**

Day	Date	INTENTION
Saturday	02 Apr	Thanksgiving – Sandra Aiken – 70 th Birthday
Sunday	03 Apr	In Thanksgiving – Deana Dickson – 80 th Birthday
Sunday	03 Apr	For all souls who lost their earthly life in the sea of suffering
Tuesday	05 Apr	Pious List (RIP)

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) during Lent: Saturdays, 16h15-16h45; Sundays, 07:30 and 10:00; weekdays during the Holy Hour on Tuesday evenings/Thursday mornings. There will be a **Penitential Service on Wednesday, 6 April at 18h30.**

TUESDAY EVENING ROSARY AND MASS: is dedicated to prayer for families of the parish. **Families are encouraged to choose at least one Tuesday in the month to come and pray as a family with the larger community to which we all belong.** A simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between 17h30 and 18h30. As usual, at 18h00, we will meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary. You are welcome to come for the full hour or for the Rosary at 18h00. **Do come in quietly and with reverence.** Mass begins at 18h30.

THURSDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: to grow in our devotion to Jesus Christ, really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, there is an opportunity to participate in the Holy Hour on Thursdays, after the 08:30am Mass.

FAMILY PRAYER: following the “Sunday of the Word of God” in January, we encourage all families to choose a specific evening, when the family can gather, say a Wednesday/Thursday evening, to prepare for the upcoming Sunday Mass by reflecting on the Scriptures. The Gospel Reading for next Sunday, Palm Sunday, is Luke 22:14 - 23:56...

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who continue their financial support of the parish through their monthly pledge, either via EFT or the envelope system. 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. The Lord loves a cheerful giver...*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING LENT: the Bishops’ Lenten Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer, on all Sundays of Lent.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS – IN AID OF THE PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE:

- **RAFFLE:** R50 per ticket, on sale after Masses. 1st prize - 2500L Water Tank and Booster Pump; 2nd prize - Salton 1000w Pressure Cooker; 3rd Prize - Sunbeam Electric Frying pan with glass lid. Draw will take place on 24 June 2022 at the Jubilee Gala Dinner.

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

- **SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN:** Group 3 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 03 April 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.
- **EASTER EGG COLLECTION:** Sacred Heart Outreach Ministry is collecting marshmallow eggs for the orphans & elderly. This can be left in the box in the foyer or handed in at the office during Lent.
- **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** is in need of groceries and toiletries as well as monetary donations; these can be handed in at the Office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): the Sacred Heart PPC has been at the helm for the past four years and therefore the time has come to elect a new one as per Diocesan Policy. What is a PPC? *It is a consultative body that serves to advise the parish priest about pastoral issues. The council’s main purpose is to investigate, reflect and reach conclusions about pastoral matters to recommend to the parish priest.*

PARENTS’ MEETING WITH CATECHISTS: for those whose children are in Grade 1 to Grade 7 (Primary School) on Saturday, **2 April** at 09h00 in the Hall and for the parents of children in Grade 8 to Grade 11 (High School) on Saturday, **9 April** at 09h00 in the Hall.

YOUTH: will meet every Friday at 19h00 in the Hall; those who would like to join may contact Storm Chambel on 083 370 600.

LENTEN CALENDAR

THE SEASON OF LENT – we are now entering the Fifth week of our Lenten journey when *return to the Lord* through sincere prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This Lent is our spiritual preparation for the Jubilee as well. Lent is the perfect opportunity to return in earnest to the Holy Mass, Confession, and the devotions on weekdays. Wednesday morning Masses during Lent will be at 6:00am. Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays 18h00 (outdoors, weather permitting, so bring the whole family); Next Friday, the CWL will present the Stations of the Cross.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: on Wednesday, 6 April at 18h30. A number of confessors will be available to assist penitents. The church teaches us to confess our sins at least once a year, so this Penitential Service during Lent is the graced opportunity to repent and be reconciled to God.

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION (RETREAT) DURING LENT – on the following Saturdays, between 10am and 13h00pm, in the Religious Centre:

- Saturday, 9 April 2022: St Vincent de Paul Society and Divine Mercy Group.
- Saturday, 16 April 2022: RCIA Candidates and Sponsors.

REHEARSAL FOR ALL INVOLVED IN MINISTRY DURING HOLY WEEK: Saturday, 9 April 2022, at 10am in the church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM, 9/10 – 17 APRIL 2022:

Day	Time	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
Palm Sunday	Saturday, 17h00	Holy Mass – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Procession from Wayside Cross
	Sunday, 08h00	Holy Mass – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Procession from Wayside Cross
Monday	08h30	Holy Mass – Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday	06h00	Holy Mass – Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday	08h30	Holy Mass – Wednesday of Holy Week
Holy Thursday	19h00	Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Good Friday	10h00	Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Service
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Holy Saturday	18h30	Mass of Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	08h00	Mass of Easter Day
	10h30	Mass of Easter Day

UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS:

- **PE DEANERY FAMILY DAY:** 18 April 2022 - Easter Monday and National Family Day at 11h00am at Sacred Heart Parish, Kabega Park. Book online by 8 April 2022 by using this link <https://forms.gle/umZJfuYbT8bf8Qu7A> or email your name & contact info to info@pastoraldevelopment.org. **All families of PE Deanery are invited to participate in this family day. Mass, presided over by the Bishop, will be followed by a short input sessions for both parents and children on topics related to Christian family life in a post-pandemic world. Bring a picnic basket or come and braai and enjoy lunch and a family fun day on the parish grounds afterwards.**

PRAYER CORNER

For the sick and the housebound: Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Natalie Bray, Valerie Brown, Glynn Brown, Gerald Burger, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Butch Engelbrecht, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Graham & Thora Hempel, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Lucia Leander, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Cynthia Rumble, Leo Smithies, Timothy Teulon, Joe & Thelma Trow.