

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



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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 03 SEPTEMBER 2023 (SEASON OF CREATION)**

The Word of God on the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, read in the context of the Season of Creation, is reminding us that to do the will of God is demanding. The Season of Creation with the theme, “Let Justice and Peace Flow” is an invitation to swim against the tide of corruption and greed that destroys creation. Our Christian vocation includes carrying the cross of being lonely voices that speak against environmental and ecological crisis. The Prophet Jeremiah in the first reading experienced the moral loneliness of being the voice of God amid human voices. Jesus’ rebuke of Simon in the Gospel reminds us of how quickly things change for Christ’s disciples, from a rock to a stumbling stone. Let us be warrior stewards of creation, preaching the gospel includes serving God in all creation.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 2 September	TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1 <sup>ST</sup> Reading: Jer 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9	Thanksgiving – Maureen Hampshire
08h00	Sunday 3 September	TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom 12:1-2;	RIP – Fr David Staples
10H30	Sunday 3 September	TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 16:21-27	Thanksgiving – Confirmation Candidates
18H30	Tuesday 5 September	TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27: 1. 4, 13-14; Luke 4:31-37	RIP – Pious list
08H30	Wednesday 6 September	Twenty – Second Week In Ordinary Time- Year 1	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44	RIP – Fr Paul Fahy B/day – Fr Runaine
08H30	Thursday 7 September	Twenty – Second Week In Ordinary Time- Year 1	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11	RIP – Micheal Dooley
08h30	Friday 8 September	Feast – Nativity of Our Lady	Micah 5:1-4; Ps 13:5-6; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23	RIP – Damian Scharnick
17h00	Saturday 9 September	TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1 <sup>ST</sup> Reading: Ezek 33:7-9; Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9	RIP – Christopher McCullum
08h00	Sunday 10September	TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom 13:8-10	RIP – Damian Scharnick
10H30	Sunday 10September	TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20	RIP – Micheal Dooley

**SACRED HEART, GQEBERHA: MISSION (1 - 15 October 2023)**

**“The aim of every mission is a total, fundamental and personal conversion to Jesus Christ... St Alphonsus sermons emphasized the relationship between God and each person’s individual destiny. However, his preaching had an overall effect on the community.”**

The coming weeks will be filled with preparation, planning and lots of anticipation. Will be advertised on the notice boards at the back of the church for information, logistics and planning schedules. Parish social media pages will also be updated. We will appreciate all forms of help to ensure the success of the Mission.

**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.

**HOUSE MASSES AND BLESSING:** on Thursdays @ 6pm are available on request for new parishioners.

**CATECHETICS: SUNDAYS @ 09H30: GRADE 1 – 12** please contact Denise Philander on 071 079 9702.  
**EVERY SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE FOR CHILDREN, CATECHISTS AND PARENTS IS MOST IMPORTANT.**

**SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS / SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** Parishioners who would like to have their children baptised please contact Parish Office ASAP.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please contact the Parish Office at least **ONE YEAR** before the wedding.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE:** Saturdays @ 16h30; Tuesday @ 17h45; Thursday @ 09h15

**TUESDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR WITH ROSARY @ 17H30: Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction. (Confession)**

**THURSDAY MORNING HOLY HOUR @ 09H00:** Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction. (Confession)

**SEPTEMBER MONTH IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS – CATECHISM GROUP (LEAD ROSARY)**

**BIBLE STUDY: 13 SEPTEMBER 2023 WEDNESDAY @ 18h30** in the Religious Centre (Small Hall)

**YOUTH: Will be held on Friday 8 September at 7pm in the Religious Centre (Small Hall) an appeal to please attend.**

**LITURGY MEETING:** Will be held on Wednesday 27 September at 6h30 Upper Room.

**SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed:** • **Group 5 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 2 September 23 @ 08h00**

• **Group 1 will be distributing soup next Saturday 9 September 23, at 08h00**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Request assistance with a gas stove/ gas single/double burner for a family we are supporting.

**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 – to assist the relief efforts for the poor in our community.

**UPCOMING PARISH/DEANERY EVENT**

**SVP Golden Oldies Dance - 16 Sept 2023 at 19h00, Cost = R80.** Please support our dance, funds raised in aid of our community projects. Tickets on sale after all Masses or contact Monique - 082 441 8985 or Jackie - 072 983 0005.

For eft payments - Society of St Vincent de Paul. Standard Bank – Account Number: 080 396 208 Use the SVP member's name and ticket number as a reference.

**The support group for family members of people with dementia:** will take place at Nazareth house on Monday, 4th September at 6:30pm and at Sacred Heart on Monday, 18th September at 10:00am. Contact Kaye 0832991842

**Sacred Heart Golf Day – 22 September 2023 @ PE Golf Club Westview Mill Park,** Please book a Four Ball contact [Danville.Felkers@consultm.co.za](mailto:Danville.Felkers@consultm.co.za) or [dphilander@gmail.com](mailto:dphilander@gmail.com)

**SEASON OF CREATION: “LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW” – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 4 OCTOBER 2023** On Sunday, 3 September after 8h00 Mass we will be planting the Marriage and Family Tree that was given to us by Bishop Zungu on the 9 August 2023, Unity Mass. We will also highlight the value of water by Blessing of Water, you are invited to bring your holy water bottle containers. The weekend of 9/10 September, we invite all parishioners to bring seeds of fruits and vegetables that we will donate to Akhanani Good Shepherd Mission that is headed by Sr Zelna.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE:** THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO PAY THE PLEDGE CONSISTENTLY AND GENEROUSLY DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES IN OUR COUNTRY. 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.**

**REPOSITORY:** We have rosaries, medals, religious books and all the other devotional goodies of your choice.

**FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Leslie Ah Shene, 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, Thora Hempel, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Basil Knight, Lucia Leander, Nancy and Ronnie Leeson, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Leo Smithies, Gerald Spence, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Gwen Williams.