

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth**

*Welcoming, inclusive, united family!*

**PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR**  
*(June 2021 – June 2022)*



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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 05/06 FEBRUARY 2022**  
**DIOCESAN PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**

Mary is honoured as the Chief Patron of our diocese of Port Elizabeth, under the title of *Our Lady of the Flight into Egypt*. The gospel of Matthew (2:13-15, 19-23) recounts the journey of the Holy Family into Egypt in order to flee from the clutches of the blood-thirsty Herod who sought to kill the child Jesus. Inspired by the courageous faith of the Holy Family, this celebration provides an opportunity to *look at the past with gratitude, the future with hope, and live the present with enthusiasm*:

- The clergy, religious and laity who have built up and sustained our local church.
- To remember our benefactors, both local and overseas, who have funded and supported us.
- The need for local people to take up their vocations (part of the pastoral goal to become a self-sustaining Church).
- The call inspired by the Holy Spirit, reflected in the Synod of Africa, to have authentic inculturation in our local Church.
- To make us conscious of the millions of people who, like the Holy Family, are refugees in Africa. In what way can we, should we, be more responsive to the refugee people and to the people in our own diocese who have no housing? Tuesday, 8 February is the Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita and the Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking. As fellow disciples, we must raise awareness about these issues since we have a responsibility to care for one another...

Let us unite with, and pray for, the people of our diocese today, that the Lord may bless us and Our Lady may watch over us.

**Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:**

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	05 Feb	Holy Mass – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138
08h00	Sunday	06 Feb	Holy Mass – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
10h30	Sunday	06 Feb	Holy Mass – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 5:1-11
	Monday	07 Feb		1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Mark 6:53-56
17h30	Tuesday	08 Feb	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration) Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass – Memorial – St Josephine Bakhita</i>	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
18h00 18h30				
08h30	Wednesday	09 Feb	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
08h30	Thursday	10 Feb	Holy Mass – Memorial – St Scholastica <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>	1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
08h30	Friday	11 Feb	Holy Mass – Memorial – Our Lady of Lourdes <i>(World Day of the Sick)</i>	1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
	Saturday	12 Feb	<i>(Saturday Memorial of Our Lady)</i>	1 Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Fifth Week in Ordinary Time – Readings for Weekdays from “YEAR II”/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 February, the envelopes for the offerings are now available in the foyer.** This request may be made on Sundays and weekdays through the Parish Office. 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.

Day	Date	INTENTION
Saturday	05 Feb	Special Intention – Sean Gin
Sunday	06 Feb	Frank & Lizette Scholtz – 26th Wedding Anniversary & the Birthday of Lizette
Sunday	06 Feb	In Thanksgiving – Uithaler Family

## PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*We encourage all parishioners to make the Sunday and weekday Masses and the Devotions part of their regular spiritual practices. With the Covid-19 Restrictions now eased, you are able to fulfil your Sunday Obligation by attending a Sunday or, in extreme cases, a weekday Mass. There are now very few valid excuses for missing Sunday Mass. Remember to keep the Lord's Day holy, by prayer, charity and rest from servile labour.*

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** Saturdays, 16h15-16h45/by appointment.

**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, please join the Holy Hour in the church on Thursdays. At the beginning of this year, we are moving the Holy Hour to Thursdays after the 08:30am Mass, for those who would like to join in the mornings.

**FAMILY PRAYER:** following the "Sunday of the Word of God" last month, 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, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is Luke 6:17, 20-26

## STEWARDSHIP

**REPOSITORY:** the repository is fully functioning again – religious articles are available for purchase.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:** 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. **Contributing to the upkeep of the parish through pledge and weekly collections is a response, in thanksgiving, to the generosity of God for us as individuals and families and a sign of commitment to the community of which we all form a part.** These are economically challenging times for all families. The parish finances have also been affected negatively since we rely heavily on weekly collections – which customarily accompany the offerings of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist – our gift to God and to the parish community. With the periodic closure of churches for public worship during the Pandemic, the parish has lost most of its usual income while the operational costs have remained unchanged. We therefore appeal to parishioners to continue their offertory. **For those, who, for any valid reason, cannot be present at Sunday Mass, please make use of the "smart option" – Electronic Transfer/EFT of weekly collections directly into the Parish Bank Account – use your name and "virtual collection" 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.** In addition to the monthly pledge, please make this your weekly commitment. We thank those parishioners who immediately responded to this initiative with such generosity and encourage others to do the same. *The Lord loves a cheerful giver...*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Second collections this weekend in aid of the Missionary Childhood Society.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES:** for those who use the envelope system, kindly collect your yearly envelopes on the table in the foyer.

**SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN:** Group 4 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 05 February 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the poor.

**SACRED HEART OUTREACH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATORS:** are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, 08 February 2022, at 7pm in the Parish Hall to discuss the plans for this year's Outreach Programmes.

**RCIA 2022:** the New RCIA/Adult Faith Formation Group, Thursdays at 19h00 in the Hall.

**LEGION OF MARY:** weekly meetings will take place on Fridays after the morning Mass in the Hall. New members are welcome!

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

- **KOEKSISTER SALE:** Saturday, 12th February 2022, after the 5pm Mass and Sunday, 13th February, 2022 after the 8am Mass. It is R20 for half a dozen. Pre-orders can be placed with Heyley on 081 441 1523.
- **PANCAKE SALE:** 1 March - Shrove Tuesday - Sugar & Cinnamon Pancakes for R6 each and Caramel Pancakes for R8 each. Pre-orders can be placed with Liz Williams on 084 247 3505. Collection will be between 4pm and 7pm from the Hall.
- **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.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- **CATECHESIS 2022:** Classes resume this Sunday, 6 February 2022, after the 08h00am Mass.
- **The Month of February is dedicated to the "Holy Family".** Votive candles for the Sanctuary and the home will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. Bring along your candles, for Prayer Time at home, for this blessing.
- **WEEKEND OF 5/6 FEBRUARY 2022:**
  - **DIOCESAN FEAST DAY:** the first weekend of February is the Diocesan Feast Day of "Our Lady of the Flight into Egypt.
  - **MINISTRY SUNDAY:** the annual "Sign-Up Sunday" will be held this weekend. All parishioners are encouraged to join one of the ministries or sodalities. Information stations from these parish groups will be displayed after all the Masses.
  - **PARISH FAMILY DAY:** during this Parish Jubilee Year, and to mark the Diocesan Feast Day and Ministry Sunday, we invite all families of our parish to the first Parish Family Day post-lockdown this Sunday, after the 10h30am Mass. Please bring your picnic baskets or meat – braai stands will be available or you can bring your own – and enjoy this fun day.

## PRAYER CORNER

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