

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
(June 2021 – June 2022)



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C – 07/08 MAY 2022
The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Good Shepherd Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Easter) is the annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. We pray that young people may listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd calling them to serve in the church.

Like the Apostles in the early church, the priests and missionaries of the Neo-Catechumenal Way are among us for the **Easter Mission**, which started on Wednesday, 4 May 2022, at 19h00 in the Hall, and will continue on Mondays and Fridays until Pentecost. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mission, so that we may be spiritually renewed in this **Parish Jubilee Year**.

MONTH OF MARY – PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE: The month of May, in our Catholic Tradition, is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All the faithful, families and communities, are invited to pray the Rosary throughout May. We encourage all families of our parish to choose a suitable time of the day when they can gather for the Rosary in the home. A large poster will be displayed in the foyer throughout the month where individuals and families can inscribe their names if they would like to participate in this initiative, dedicating a daily decade or a daily or weekly Rosary, praying for peace in the world/in the family.

*We love and appreciate our mothers! Wishing all our beloved mothers of our community, a **Happy Mothers' Day** – may the Lord bless you and may our heavenly Mother watch over you!*

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	07 Apr	Holy Mass – Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100
08h00	Sunday	08 May	Holy Mass – Fourth Sunday of Easter	Revelation 7:9, 14-17
10h30	Sunday	08 May	Holy Mass – Fourth Sunday of Easter	John 10:27-30
	Monday	09 May		Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
17h30	Tuesday	10 May	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i> Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass – Memorial – St John of Avila	Acts 11:19-26 ; John 10:22-30
18h00				
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08h30	Wednesday	11 May	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50
08h30	Thursday	12 May	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
08h30	Friday	13 May	Holy Mass – Memorial – Our Lady of Fatima	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
	Saturday	14 May	<i>(Feast – St Matthias)</i>	Acts 1:15-17; John 15:9-17

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Readings for Weekdays from the Daily 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 May, 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. **Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:**

Day	Date	INTENTION
Saturday	07 May	Thanksgiving – Dawn Abrahams – 79 th Birthday Thanksgiving – Gerald & Sue Spence – Wedding Anniversary; Repose of the Soul of Ashley Spence
Sunday	08 May	Repose of the Soul of Jane Bagley Members of the Catholic Women’s League – Living and Deceased Thanksgiving – Matthew Harri – Birthday; Elize & Rodney Harri – 22 nd Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	08 May	Repose of the Soul of Mary Noah; Thanksgiving – Adam Noah – 4 th Birthday
Wednesday	11 May	Repose of the Souls of Abdullah and Augustine Brown
Friday	13 May	For World Peace

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

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

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, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, is John 13:31-35...

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

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.* Nominations will officially begin in the coming week – any registered/confirmed parishioner is able to nominate candidates for the new PPC; in the meantime, please approach the candidate you wish to nominate, and determine whether they are willing to stand for election.

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

- **SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN:** Group 2 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 07 May 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.

YOUTH: Will meet on Friday 20th May 2022 at 19h00 in the Hall; those who would like to join may contact Storm Chambel on 083 370 600.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION: will be held on Saturday, 21 May 2022 from 9am to 12pm in the Hall; the whole Parish has the opportunity to reflect together on the Synodal Questions which we have received from Pope Francis. We invite the PPC/PFC, all those in ministries and sodalities and all the members of the Parish who are interested, to attend this important meeting for the church in the modern world.

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...*

PLEDGE REFERENCES: kindly use your full name and pledge number as a reference when using the banking system. If you have made a deposit recently, without a proper reference, please contact the Parish office, so that our records may be amended.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Pontifical Mission Societies – Society of Saint Peter the Apostle, founded to pursue the following objectives: to use spiritual means, especially prayer and sacrifice to beg "the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest"; to make Christians aware of the need for growth in the number of vocations and the importance of formation of local clergy in the Churches in the mission territories, so that subsequently they may be sent to collaborate in other sister Churches; to contribute towards the growth of clergy in Churches in mission territories, using also the funds obtained by the establishment of scholarships, payment of pensions, fees, and other donations, to enable the building and development of numerous major, preparatory and minor seminaries, both on a diocesan and inter-diocesan level; to assist in the formation of male and female candidates for consecrated life, in the Churches of the mission territories. The special collection to support this society will be taken this weekend, 7th and 8th May 2022. Your usual generosity will be greatly appreciated.

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.
- **BAKE SALE** hosted by the CATECHETICAL GROUPS as part of the 60th JUBILEE Fundraising efforts:
 - Saturday, 7 May 2022, after the 5pm Mass – Koeksisters will be sold.
 - Sunday, 8 May 2022, after the 8am Mass – various sweet baked goods will be on sale.

UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS

- **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** the annual Vocations Festival will be held at St Martin de Porres in Gelvandale, this Sunday, 8 May 2022, from 14h00pm – 17h00pm in the Hall. All our youth in the Confirmation Programme are invited to attend.
- **THE DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS FOR MAY:** The support group for family members of persons with dementia/Alzheimer's will meet in Room 5 at St. Augustine's on Monday 9th May 2022 at 5.30 pm, and or Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Church, Kabega Park on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 11.00 am. Contact Kaye 083 299 1842 for further information.
- **RETREAT DAY FOR THE BEREAVED** is scheduled for Saturday, 14th May 2022, from 09H00 to 13H00 @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Kabega Park PE. Bookings can be made by emailing the Pastoral Development Office by 10 May 2022 (pdo@cdpe.co.za).

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, Gladys Harper, 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, Annie Maria Van Rooyen.

**For reflection on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations:
"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice", says the Lord,
"I know them and they follow me".
(cf. John 10:27-30)**