



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C – 10/11 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

This Sunday we reflect on the moving story of the “Return of the Prodigal Son” from the fifteenth chapter of Saint Luke’s Gospel which contains three parables of Jesus about the compassion of the Father, who welcomes us with the open arms of mercy.

SEASON OF CREATION 2022:

1 September ("Spring Day") up to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) is the "Season of Creation" focused on the care for the earth – our common home. Pope Francis, especially through the Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, has invited all people of good will to listen and respond to the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". The Bishops of Southern Africa have endorsed this annual celebration of the "Season of Creation" and asks all individuals, families and communities to do their part, through prayer and action, in caring for the earth and working for the common good of all so that future generations may enjoy the good things that the Lord gives to the earth. A few suggestions:

- 1) **Prayer:** Search for Pope Francis’ Prayer for the World and for the Earth online; incorporate it into your daily prayers this month. Later on, to conclude the Season of Creation, there is a Novena to St Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology and friend of the poor, to pray for the care of the earth and for the poor (25 Sept to 3 Oct).
- 2) **Reading the Scriptures:** take a passage from the Bible each week of September which speak about our relationship with creation, such as Genesis 1:1-28, Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 8, John 1:1-15, Revelation 21:14...
- 3) **Raising awareness in the Home:** do we use the resources of the earth, such as energy and water, sparingly?
- 4) **Gathering “Seeds for the Poor”:** bring vegetable seeds to church this month to be donated to organisations around the deanery that work for the alleviation of poverty in our communities. We all have a part to play.

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	10 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32
08h00	Sunday	11 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10h30	Sunday	11 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Monday	12 Sept	<i>(Memorial – Most Holy Name of Mary)</i>	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10
17h30	Tuesday	13 Sept	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i>	1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31; Luke 7:11-17
18h00			Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament	
18h30			Holy Mass – Memorial – St John Chrysostom	
08h30	Wednesday	14 Sept	Holy Mass – Feast – Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17
08h30	Thursday	15 Sept	Holy Mass – Memorial – Our Lady of Sorrows <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Hebrews 5:7-9; Luke 2:33-35
08h30	Friday	16 Sept	Holy Mass – Memorial – Saints Cornelius & Cyprian	1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3
	Saturday	17 Sept	<i>(Saturday Memorial of Our Lady)</i>	1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Luke 8:4-15

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time – Readings for Weekdays from “Year II”/Sundays from “YEAR C”)

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 September, the envelopes for the offerings are now available in the foyer.** Those who can 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	10 Sept	Special Intention (2022 Crusade for Jesus)
Sunday	11 Sept	Rest of the Soul of David Wong Rest of the Soul of Phyllene Ah Shene
Sunday	11 Sept	Rest of the Soul of Louis Mackay

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, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is Luke 16:1-13...

STEWARDSHIP

REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION/INFANT BAPTISM: contact the Parish Office for details.

MARIAN GROTTO UPDATE: we are happy to inform all parishioners that the statue of Our Lady for the Jubilee Grotto, as well as a garden statue of St Joseph, has been purchased. The newly formed task team will oversee the design and construction of the grotto.

TILERS REQUIRED: we are in need of tiling contractors to tile the inside of the foyer; please call the Parish Office urgently.

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...*

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

- **SVDP GOLDEN OLDIES:** will be hosted at Sacred Heart on Saturday 24 September at 8pm tickets R60 on sale after weekend Mass or from SVDP members or Monique on 082 441 8985.

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Saturday Soup Kitchen:

- Group 3 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 10 September 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.
- Group 4 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 17 September 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed

St Vincent de Paul Society:

- **EMPTY TUBS** – an appeal for yoghurt and/or margarine to be used to distribute soup, please drop off at the Office.
- **FOOD PANTRY:** SVDP is making an appeal for these donations; suggested items for this week: Mielie Meal, Packet Soups Oats, Morevite, 2-Minute Noodles, Tinned Tomato & Onion, Jam, and Tuna. These Items can be placed in the trolley in the foyer – to assist the relief efforts for the poor in our community. For monetary donations, contact the Parish Office for banking details.
- **BLUE RIBBON BREAD BAGS** – Please collect all your Blue Ribbon bread bags and place them in the box in the foyer.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): At the inaugural meeting of the new PPC, the following members were elected as Office-bearers for the next term: Clayton Noah (Chairperson), Tanya Kisten (Vice-Chairperson), Lisa Augustine (Secretary), Russell Williams (Vice-Secretary) and Teresa Chambel (Executive Member). Together with the chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee, co-ordinator of the Liturgy Committee, Catechetical Co-ordinator, and co-ordinators of the sodalities (CWL, SVP, Legion of Mary and Divine Mercy), they form the PPC. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 5 October at 19h00 followed by a workshop on the New Pastoral Plan for Southern Africa on Saturday, 8 October at 9am, in the Hall. A special word of thanks is rendered to the outgoing PPC Executive, under the leadership of Sean Abrahams, for their dedication to this community and for their collaborative ministry with the clergy of the parish during their period of service in the PPC.

UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: for families with a person who has Dementia/Alzheimers will be held on Monday 12th September 17h30 Room 5, at St Augustine's. Monday 19th September 11h00 am, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Contact Kaye for further information on 083 299 1842.

TRAINING FOR LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: Please be advised that the Training for Liturgical Committees and anyone interested will take place on Saturday, 17 September 2022 from 09h00 to 12midday, at Sacred Heart, Cape Road, Kabega Park. The new Liturgical Guidelines Booklet for our Diocese can be purchased at a cost of R35/booklet in a choice of 3 different languages. Please make every effort to attend.

VOCATIONS WORKSHOP: the deanery Vocations Team would like to invite all those in the Confirmation Programme, Altar Servers and Youth to the next Vocations Promotion Workshop which will take place on Saturday, 1 October 2022, at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Malabar, starting with the Mass at 9am. We ask all parents to encourage their children to attend these gatherings.

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023 LED BY FR LUBABALO MGUDA

If anyone is still interested in this once in a lifetime experience, and deeply spiritual exercise, you may contact: Percy on 082 463 6205 / email: percyclausen3@gmail.com or Karen on 074 537 5160 / email: kbarkes2011@gmail.com for more information.

PRAYER CORNER

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Natalie Bray, Valerie Brown, Glynn Brown, Gerald Burger, Clint Cuddumbey, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, 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, Joyce Weimers.