

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
(June 2021 – June 2022)



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 12/13 FEBRUARY 2022

In this Newsletter we share an extract from Bishop Vincent Zungu’s most recent pastoral letter, for our reflection this week:

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! On the 10th of October 2021, our Holy Father Pope Francis inaugurated the two-year Synod – not just of Bishops – but of the whole Church.

In the name of our Holy Father, in communion with my Southern African Catholic Bishops and on behalf of the Universal Church, I hereby INVITE all of you: God’s beloved Faithful, Religious men and women and Clergy consisting of all our priests and permanent deacons to PARTICIPATE fully to the best of your ability to the whole PROCESS of the journey on synodality, as proposed in the user-friendly Manual that the Holy See has prepared for the Catholic Church throughout the world.

In our Diocese the launching of Synodality goes concurrently in a magnificent way with the presentation, reflection, assimilation, taking ownership and dissemination of the new Pastoral Plan. The Catholic Church in Southern Africa contemplates itself as an **Evangelizing Community, serving God, Humanity and all Creation** – this is our Vision. Our Mission is that of **“the Church, the Family of God in Southern Africa, which is committed to work together with others for the good of all, by responding to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth, through worship, proclamation of the Word of God, formation, advocacy, human development and care of creation”** (p. 15 of the Pastoral Plan) .

The Synodal Church of Pope Francis and the Evangelizing Community Church of our Pastoral Plan are one and the same Church, that is “one, holy, catholic and apostolic” which was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ and is reflected perfectly in the Nicene Creed. In the words of Pope Francis, “There is no need to create another Church, but to create a different Church”...

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	12 Feb	Holy Mass – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26
08h00	Sunday	13 Feb	Holy Mass – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10h30	Sunday	13 Feb	Holy Mass – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Monday	14 Feb	<i>(Saints Cyril and Methodius)</i>	James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
17h30	Tuesday	15 Feb	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i>	James 1:12-18 ; Mark 8:14-21
18h00			<i>Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
18h30			Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	
08h30	Wednesday	16 Feb	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26
08h30	Thursday	17 Feb	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33
08h30	Friday	18 Feb	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1
	Saturday	19 Feb	<i>(Saturday Memorial of Our Lady)</i>	James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Sixth 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Day	Date	INTENTION
Saturday	12 Feb	Thanksgiving – Kim Sing Family
Sunday	13 Feb	Thanksgiving – Giaan Sharrock - 20 th Birthday
Sunday	13 Feb	In Thanksgiving – Kim Sing Family
Tuesday	15 Feb	Pious List (RIP)

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, is Luke...

STEWARDSHIP

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

REPOSITORY: the repository is fully functioning – 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. 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. The Lord loves a cheerful giver...*

SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN: Group 1 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 12 February 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the poor.

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

- **KOEKSISTER SALE:** This 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

- **THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH** – an inspiration for all families.
- **"SIGN-UP" FOR MINISTRY:** Thanks to all parish groups who participated in this event and welcome to those who have joined one of the ministries or sodalities. If any parishioners would like to "Sign-Up" for service in the parish, kindly contact the Co-ordinators.
- **GATHERING BLESSED PALMS:** the palms blessed on Palm Sunday last year are used to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year. We will be collecting these palms over the next two weeks, which will be burned after all weekend Masses on 26/27 February.
- **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**
 - **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, 21 February 2022, at 7pm in the Hall.
 - **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING:** Wednesday, 23 February 2022, at 7pm in the "Upper Room".
- **UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS:**
 - **DAY FOR RECENTLY MARRIED COUPLES:** Saturday, 12 March 2022 from 11h00 - 13h00 at Sacred Heart Parish, Kabega Park Community Centre. Aimed at newly married couples, especially those married for 5 years and less. This will be a day of enrichment. Interested couples should register with the PDO by Friday, 4 March 2022. Book online by using this link <https://forms.gle/HkHnjzH6vhaQvu1N7> or email your name & contact info to info@pastoraldevelopment.org

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 Grobbelaar, 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.