

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
(June 2021 – June 2022)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) – 12/13 MARCH 2022

From our reflections in the last few weeks, following the most recent circular of Bishop Zungu, you may now be familiar with such terms as “Synod” and “Pastoral Plan”. The Synod of Bishops usually takes place in Rome, every 2 or 3 years, in order to share pastoral experience and so reflect on issues related to the mission of the church today, in light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The most recent Synods, for instance, focussed on the family and young people. Leading up to the next Synod, Pope Francis has asked the whole church, laity and clergy, to reflect on the meaning of “Synodality”, with the theme, *communion, participation and mission*. Meanwhile, the Bishops of Southern Africa have launched a Pastoral Plan to guide the ministry of the church in our region, themed, *evangelising community, serving God, humanity and all creation*.

One of the key words of this synodal process is *listening* – listening to the Holy Spirit and listening to one another. Our gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent, recalls one of the most important moments in the life of Jesus with his disciples – the *Transfiguration of the Lord* – itself a preparation for the events of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The evangelist Luke is careful to show us that Jesus was at prayer when *his countenance was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white* while the disciples were *heavy with sleep but kept awake and saw his glory and the two men who stood with him*, that is, Moses and Elijah. At the end of this encounter, the Father’s voice is heard from the cloud that overshadowed Jesus and the disciples: *This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!* By truly *listening*, they would grasp the mission of Jesus.

Thus, in our Lenten journey, through silent prayer and meditation on the Scriptures, we learn how to listen to the Lord and to one another. The privileged place to listen together to the word of God is the liturgy, especially the Sunday Eucharist. It is when we faithfully listen in this way that we are able to *walk together* as the church in the modern world. Here is a “listening challenge” from the Holy Father – *let us ask ourselves frankly during this synodal process: are we good at listening? How good is the “hearing” of our heart? Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected or judged?*

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	12 Mar	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 Luke 9:28-36
08h00	Sunday	13 Mar	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Lent	
10h30	Sunday	13 Mar	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Lent	
	Monday	14 Mar		Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38
17h30	Tuesday	15 Mar	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 ; Matthew 23:1-12
18h00			<i>Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
18h30			Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	
06h00	Wednesday	16 Mar	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
08h30	Thursday	17 Mar	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day (<i>St Patrick</i>) <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
08h30 18h00	Friday	18 Mar	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day (<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>) <i>Stations of the Cross (Families)</i>	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
	Saturday	19 Mar	<i>(Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of Mary)</i>	2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Second Week of Lent – Readings for Weekdays from Daily Lenten 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 March, 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, especially in Lent. **Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:**

Day	Date	INTENTION
Sunday	13 Mar	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Doris Coetzee – 1 st Death Anniversary

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) during Lent: Saturdays, 16h15-16h45; Sundays, 07:30 and 10:00; weekdays during the Holy Hour on Tuesday evenings/Thursday mornings. There will be a Penitential Service on Wednesday, 6 April at 18h30.

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 Third Sunday of Lent, is Luke 13:1-9...

STEWARDSHIP

PROPOSED SALE OF THE PARISH PIPE-ORGAN:

- The parish pipe organ has not been utilized and new more functional organs have been acquired.
- The pipe organ is very costly to maintain. In lieu of the above, the PFC recommends that the organ be sold.
- These funds, together with a generous donation, would be utilised towards the building of a Grotto for Sacred Heart Parish.
- Any serious objection should be emailed with a motivation to: secretary@sacredheartkabega.co.za by no later than 01 April 2022.

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...*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING LENT: the Bishops' Lenten Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer, on all Sundays of Lent.

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.

60th JUBILEE GALA DINNER

The Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner will take place on Friday 24 June 2022 at 7pm in the Hall. Tickets cost R300 per person, payable over 2 months. Limited seats are available, due to COVID protocols being observed. This is a Parish Celebration and not a Fundraising event – preference is given to Parishioners to purchase tickets first. Tickets are available from Tania Williams 084 410 3606. Book before it's too late!

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

- **SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN:** Group 5 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 12 March 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.
- **EASTER EGG COLLECTION:** Sacred Heart Outreach Ministry is collecting marshmallow eggs for the orphans & elderly. This can be left in the box in the foyer or handed in at the office during Lent.
- **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** is in need of groceries and toiletries as well as monetary donations; these can be handed in at the Office. They have a special support project - the Kuyga Community was recently affected by a fire and are in need of any household items - furniture, curtains, bedding, building materials, clothes, crockery, etc; Assistance is needed for the rebuilding of destroyed shacks.

LENTEN CALENDAR

THE SEASON OF LENT – we are now entering the second week of our Lenten journey when *return to the Lord* through sincere prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This Lent is, in many ways, our spiritual preparation for the Jubilee as well. Lenten resources, to aid our spiritual growth during this Season, will be made available. "Lenten Matters of the Heart", the daily reflections for Lent, will be prepared by Fr Lubabalo and Fr Runaine, and available weekly. Lent is the perfect opportunity to return in earnest to the Holy Mass, Confession, and the devotions on weekdays. Wednesday morning Masses during Lent will be at 6:00am. Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays 18h00 (outdoors, weather permitting, so bring the whole family); Next Friday, the eve of the Solemnity of St Joseph, families of the parish will lead the Stations.

- **THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH** – may his silent, yet prompt obedience to God's will, inspire us this Lent.
- **UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS:**
 - Deanery Stations of the Cross – the annual Lenten Pilgrimage for all parishes of the deanery returns this year. It will be held on Monday, 21 March 2022, on the parish grounds of San Francesco, Charlo, at 10h00am, and our parish is involved. All welcome!

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, 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.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1)