

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

**EVANGELISING COMMUNITY SERVING OF
GOD, HUMANITY & ALL CREATION**
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 17 SEPTEMBER 2023 (SEASON OF CREATION)

The Word of God on the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that forgiveness is a central demand of Christian discipleship and a non-negotiable condition. In the Pastoral Plan of the Catholic Church in Southern Africa, one of the focus areas is **healing and reconciliation**, which begins with forgiveness. This process of forgiveness begins with you. During this season of creation, we focus on cleaning our environment, and pray for the cleansing of our souls, so that we can forgive from the heart.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 16 Sept	TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1 ST Reading: Sir 27:33,28:9; Psalm: 103:1-4, 9, 12	Roland & Faith Edgar 55 th Wedding Anniversary
08h00	Sunday 17 Sept	TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	2 nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9	RIP – Johnny Abrahams, RIP – Reg Everingham
10H30	Sunday 17 Sept	TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35	RIP – John, Susan & William Phillips
18H30	Tuesday 19 Sept	Twenty- Fourth Week In Ordinary Time	1 Tim 3: 1 –13, Ps 101:1 – 3, 5-6, Luke 7: 11 –17	Souls of the Faithful Departed on our Pious List
08H30	Wednesday 20 Sept	Memorial – Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha Sang	1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35	Special intentions – Leeson Family
08H30	Thursday 21 Sept	Memorial –St Matthew	Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13	
08h30	Friday 22 Sept	Twenty- Fourth Week In Ordinary Time	1Tim 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10,17- 20; Lk 8:1-3	
17h00	Saturday 23 Sept	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A	1 ST Reading: Is 55:6-9 Ps: 145:2-3,8-9, 17-18	
08h00	Sunday 24 Sept	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A	2 nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24,27	
10H30	Sunday 24 Sept	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16	Patricia Douglas – 87 th Birthday

SACRED HEART, GQEBERHA: MISSION (1 - 15 October 2023) “The aim of every mission is a total, fundamental and personal conversion to Jesus Christ... St Alphonsus sermons emphasized the relationship between God and each person’s individual destiny. However, his preaching had an overall effect on the community.”

The coming weeks will be filled with preparation, planning and lots of anticipation. Will be advertised on the notice boards at the back of the church for information, logistics and planning schedules. Parish social media pages will also be updated. We will appreciate all forms of help to ensure the success of the Mission.

HOSPITALITY: THE COMMUNITY OF THE SACRED HEART IS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE UNITED FAMILY

NEW PARISHIONERS: Register as a New Parishioner and receive an e-Newsletter every Friday.

HOUSE MASSES AND BLESSING: on Thursdays @ 6pm are available on request for new parishioners.

INFANT BAPTISMS: *There will be baptism of infants at the 8am Mass on 17 September.*

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact the Parish Office at least ONE YEAR (12 MONTHS) before the wedding. **DO NOT BOOK ANY VENUES WITHOUT MEETING WITH FR LUBABALO**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE: Saturdays @ 16h30; Tuesday @ 17h45; Thursday @ 09h15

TUESDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR WITH ROSARY @ 17H30: Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction (Confession)

THURSDAY MORNING HOLY HOUR @ 09H00: Adoration, Rosary, and Benediction (Confession)

SEPTEMBER MONTH IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS – CATECHISM GROUP (LEAD ROSARY)

BIBLE STUDY: 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 WEDNESDAY @ 18h30 in the Religious Centre (Small Hall)

LITURGY MEETING: Will be held on Wednesday 27 September at 6h30 Upper Room.

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed: • **Group 2 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 16 September 23 @ 08h00**
• **Group 3 will be distributing soup next Saturday 23 September 23, at 08h00**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Request assistance with a gas stove/ gas single for a family we are supporting.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Samp, Baked Beans, Tinned Vegetable, Lentils, Beans, Tomato Paste, Peanut Butter and Coldrink Concentrate to be placed in the trolley in the foyer.

UPCOMING PARISH/DEANERY EVENT

THE SUPPORT GROUP For family members of people with dementia: in Sacred Heart, Monday, 18/09/2023 10

SACRED HEART GOLF DAY – 22 September 2023 @ PE Golf Club Westview Mill Park, Please book a Four Ball contact Danville.Felkers@consultm.co.za or dphilander@gmail.com

SEASON OF CREATION: “LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW” – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 4 OCTOBER 2023. We invite all parishioners to donate seeds of fruits and vegetables to the Akhanani Good Shepherd Mission (Sr Zelna).

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: We invite Parishioners to register at the parish office for the blessing of the graves of family members beginning on the Saturday 4th November from 9am – 11 am in the different cemeteries of Gqeberha, if there are many more families we will extend the blessing of graves to the next Saturday. **Graves will only be blessed if families are present and have registered with the Parish Office.**

PIOUS LISTS: The month of November is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. The Pious envelopes will be available from this weekend in the foyer on the table. Parishioners are invited to take envelopes and complete them and hand them over to the Parish Office before 31 October, 2023.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: Please make use of the “**Smart Option**” – Electronic Transfer/EFT of weekly collections directly into our Parish Bank Account – **Standard Bank: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Account Number: 080389007; Branch: Port Elizabeth; Branch Code: 050017.**

EASTERN PROVINCE SICK PRIEST FUND – SICK PRIEST FUND ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE

“The priests of the diocese are deeply grateful for the most generous contributions of the faithful to the Eastern Province Sick Priests Fund. The annual collection will take place on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th September. Please give your usual generous contributions to this collection as we have a lot of demands from this fund for our sick and aged Clergy. Private donations during this year to the fund are deeply appreciated as well” - Bishop Zungu

LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR 2024: Please place your orders via the Office for Liturgical Calendars and Bible Diaries ASAP. Every Catholic home should have a Liturgical Calendar, to follow the Scripture Readings, Feasts of the Saints, etc, for each day of the year. To help with our reflection on the daily readings and prayer, Bible Diaries are published, giving the readings, a short reflection and a prayer for each day.

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Leslie Ah Shene, Barbara Andre, Beryl Bowler, Valerie Brown, Gerald Burger, Patrick Campbell, Maria De Freitas, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Helen Emmerick, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Gladys Harper, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Germaine Hogg, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Basil Knight, Lucia Leander, Nancy and Ronnie Leeson, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Leo Smithies, Gerald Spence, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Gwen Williams, Diane Williams.

CONDOLENCES: Sacred Heart Parish extends heartfelt condolences and assurance of prayers to those families and extended Families who have lost their loved ones (Thora Hempel and Carole Duncan). Eternal rest grant unto them...