

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

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PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C – 17/18 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

The theme of this Sunday's Readings is summed up in the Gospel Acclamation: "Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Christians ought to be "shrewd" in dealing with the passing things of this world, remembering the poor, so as to hold fast to the goal of our lives: eternal life with God.

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 on how to mark this Season of Creation:

- 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	17 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113
08h00	Sunday	18 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Timothy 2:1-8
10h30	Sunday	18 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 16:1-13
	Monday	19 Sept		Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
17h30	Tuesday	20 Sept	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i> Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass – Memorial – St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13; Luke 8:19-21
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08h30	Wednesday	21 Sept	Holy Mass – Feast – St Matthew	Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
08h30	Thursday	22 Sept	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
08h30	Friday	23 Sept	Holy Mass – Memorial – St Pius of Pietrelcina	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
	Saturday	24 Sept	<i>(Saturday Memorial of Our Lady)</i>	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43-45

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Twenty-Fifth 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	17 Sept	In Thanksgiving – Roland & Faith Edgar – 54 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	18 Sept	Repose of the Soul of Augustine Brown – 4 th Death Anniversary In Thanksgiving – Ullyndyss (Junior) Maloy – 8 th Birthday
Sunday	18 Sept	Repose of the Soul of Fr Dania Vales
Tuesday	20 Sept	Pious List (RIP)

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is Luke 16:19-31...

STEWARDSHIP

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

INFANT BAPTISM: will take place on Saturday 5 November 2022 at 9h00am; 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...*

SECOND COLLECTION – EASTERN PROVINCE SICK PRIEST FUND: 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 24th and 25th 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.

LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR 2023: Please place your orders via the Office for Liturgical Calendars and Bible Diaries ASAP.

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 4 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 17 September 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.
- Group 5 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 24 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: Toilet Rolls, Sunlight Soap bar, Face soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Sanitary products, Sunlight liquid and Handy Andy. 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): 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.

UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS: Sunday, 25 September 2022 at St Martin de Porres, Gelvandale, starting with Praise and Worship at 14h30.

VOCATIONS WORKSHOP – MASS FOR STUDENTS: 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.

'WALK IN FAITH' JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND JULY 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.