

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**  
**Welcoming, inclusive, united family!**  
**EVANGELISING COMMUNITY SERVING**  
**GOD, HUMANITY & ALL CREATION**



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**SOLEMNITY ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY – YEAR A – 20 AUGUST 2023**

There are four Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church. The first one is that **Blessed Virgin Mary** was a *virgin before, during and after giving birth* to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God which was defined in the Synod of Milan in 389. The second one is that the **Blessed Virgin Mary** is **The Mother of God, Mater Dei, Thoetokos** which was defined during the Council of Ephesus in 431. The third Marian Dogma is the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* which was defined by Pope Pius IX (9<sup>th</sup>) in 1854 that **Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception**. The Fourth Marian Dogma is the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, ‘**body and soul into the glory of heaven**’. **This is our Patronal Feast as the Catholic Church in Southern Africa. Let us ask Mary our Mother to Pray for our Beloved Country, South Africa.**

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 19 August	<b>VIGIL - ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b>	<b>1 Chronicles 15: 3 – 4ff</b> <b>Psalm 132: 6 -7, 9 – 10,</b> <b>Luke 11: 27 – 28</b>	<b>Burtie Bentley - 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>
08h00	Sunday 20 August	<b>SOLEMNITY - ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b>	<b>Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6,10;</b> <b>Psalm 45:10-12, 161</b>	<b>RIP – Charlotte Hop Hing</b>
10H30	Sunday 20 August	<b>SOLEMNITY - ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY</b>	<b>Corinthians 15:20-27</b> <b>Luke 1:39-56</b>	<b>Confirmation Candidates</b>
18H30	Tuesday 22 August	<b>MEMORIAL – QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 113: 1-8;</b> <b>Luke 1:26-38</b>	<b>RIP – Pious list</b>
08H30	Wednesday 23 August	<b>Memorial – St Rose of Lima</b>	<b>Judges 9:6-15;</b> <b>Psalm 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16</b>	
08H30	Thursday 24 August	<b>FEAST – ST BARTHOLOMEW</b>	<b>Revelation 21:9-14;</b> <b>Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;</b> <b>John 1:45-51</b>	
08h30	Friday 25 August	<b>Twentieth Week In Ordinary Time - Year 1</b>	<b>Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22;</b> <b>Ps 146: 5-10;</b> <b>Matthew 22: 34 - 40</b>	
17h00	Saturday 26 August	<b>TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 22: 19 -23;</b> <b>Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8</b>	
08h00	Sunday 27 August	<b>TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom 11:33-36</b>	
10H30	Sunday 28 August	<b>TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A</b>	<b>Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20</b>	

*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 parishioners.

**SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS / SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** Parishioners who would like to have their children baptised please contact Parish Office ASAP.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please contact the Parish Office at least **ONE YEAR** before the wedding.

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

**TUESDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR WITH ROSARY @ 17H30:** Adoration, Rosary and Benediction.

**THURSDAY MORNING HOLY HOUR @ 09H00:** Adoration, Rosary and Benediction.

**AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY – MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (LEAD ROSARY)**

**BIBLE STUDY: 30 AUGUST 2023 WEDNESDAY @ 18h30** in the Religious Centre (Small Hall)

**LITURGY MEETING:** Will be held on Wednesday 30 August at 6h30 Upper Room.

**YOUTH:** Will be held on Friday 25 August at 7pm in the Religious Centre (Small Hall) an appeal to please attend.

#### **SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed:** • **Group 3 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 19 August 2023 @ 08h00**

• **Group 4 will be distributing soup next Saturday 26 August 2023, at 08h00**

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

**SVDP FOOD PANTRY:** Samp, Baked Beans, Tinned Vegetables, Lentils, Beans, Tomato Paste, Peanut Butter and Coldrink Concentrate to be placed in the trolley in the foyer – to help the poor and vulnerable in our community.

#### **UPCOMING PARISH/DEANERY EVENT**

**WINTER LIVING THEOLOGY 2023:** Tuesday 20 – Thursday 22 August 2023 (09h30 - 15h30) @ St Luke's Retreat Centre, 10 Park Lane, Gqeberha (R1100 includes 3 x lunches and 3x lectures per day pensioner discounts are available) book via email: [pdo@cdpe.co.za](mailto:pdo@cdpe.co.za) - Topic: **THE BIBLE THE BEST SELLER OF ALL TIMES:** Where does it come from and why do we need it? **The Presenter is Fr David Neuhaus SJ**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A DIVINE MERCY INITIATIVE):** The Gqeberha Deanery Divine Mercy together with the Legion of Mary is inviting all parishioners to join them in a procession on **Sunday 20 August starting 12-12:30**, in the Northern Areas. Procession route: Start- St Kevin's, End- St Martin's (Straight down Stanford Road and then up Beetlestone Road)

**SVP GOLDEN OLDIES Dance** - 16 Sept 2023 at 19h00, Cost = R80. Please support our dance, funds raised in aid of our community projects. Tickets on sale after all Masses: **contact Monique - 082 441 8985 or Jackie - 072 983 0005.**

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

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH embarks on a Mission from 1 - 15 October 2023:** 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. **“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.”**

**ST THOMAS MONEY BINGO:** on Saturday 09 September at 14h00 - **PRICE:** R200 FOR 2 PLAYING CARDS INCLUDES: 9 Singles + Loser Game = R3000 Prize, Included Full House = R 10 000 Prize. Extra Full House (R2000) for R20.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE:** THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO PAY THE PLEDGE CONSISTENTLY AND GENEROUSLY DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES IN OUR COUNTRY. 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.**  
**SECOND COLLECTION – In Aid of BIBLE SOCIETY next weekend of 26/27 August 2023.**

#### **CONDOLENCES**

The Community of Sacred Heart Parish extends heartfelt condolences and assurance of prayers to the Hop Hing Family at the passing on of Charlotte. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord!

#### **FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Leslie Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Beryl Bowler, Valerie Brown, Gerald Burger, Maria De Freitas, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Helen Emmerick, Shirleen Grobelaar, Gladys Harper, Thora Hempel, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, 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.