

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

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PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR



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SOLEMNITY – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY– 20/21 AUGUST 2022

The Month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This weekend, we celebrate the Great Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul into heaven, after she had completed her earthly life. The Blessed Virgin Mary is thus the hope of humanity, redeemed by Jesus, her Son. Since the Assumption is the Patronal Feast of South Africa, the Bishops have launched a “Prayer Campaign for Southern Africa”:

We, your Bishops, invite you, Brothers and Sisters, to join with us in reciting this prayer daily in your homes, schools, at gatherings and Mass especially on Sundays from the solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady – 21 August – until further notice.

Merciful Father, send forth your Spirit upon us the people of Southern Africa.

May we hear anew the voice of Jesus Christ, inviting us to walk with him across the turbulent waters of our time:

“Courage, it is I. Do not be afraid.”

By the grace of the Holy Spirit empower us to bring comfort to the restless, hope to those who despair, healing to victims of violence, and reconciliation where there is division.

May the Holy Spirit heal our families and communities.

Grant us ethical and courageous leaders who put the good of the people before their own interest.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

we commit ourselves to speak the truth with courage, to act justly in all we do, to share with those in need and always and everywhere to respect your gift of life as we strive to proclaim the values of the Kingdom in solidarity with all people of goodwill. Amen.

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	20 Aug	Holy Mass – Assumption of Our Lady	Revelation 11:19,12:1-6,10; Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56
08h00	Sunday	21 Aug	Holy Mass – Assumption of Our Lady	
10h30	Sunday	21 Aug	Holy Mass – Assumption of Our Lady	
	Monday	22 Aug	<i>(Memorial – Queenship of Mary)</i>	Isaiah 9:1-6; Luke 1:26-38
17h30	Tuesday	23 Aug	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i>	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
18h00			Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament	
18h30			Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	
08h30	Wednesday	24 Aug	Holy Mass – Feast – St Bartholomew	Revelation 21:9-14; John 1:45-51
08h30	Thursday	25 Aug	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
08h30	Friday	26 Aug	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	1 Cor 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
	Saturday	27 Aug	<i>(Memorial – St Monica)</i>	1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Twenty-First 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 August, 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	20 Aug	In Thanksgiving – Lelani Felkers – Birthday
Sunday	21 Aug	Intentions of Bertha Chininga – In Thanksgiving for the Birthdays of Michelline , Michaella & Bertha Chininga
Sunday	21 Aug	For the People of the Parish
Friday	26 Aug	For the Repose of the Soul of Audrey Panther

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, is Luke 14:1, 7-14...

STEWARDSHIP

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

NEW PARISHIONERS: those who have joined the parish, from 2019 onwards, will be officially welcomed to the Parish, on 3/4 September.

MARIAN GROTTA UPDATE: we are happy to inform all parishioners that the statue of Our Lady for the Jubilee Grotto has been purchased. The next phase is the formation of a task team which will oversee the design and construction of the grotto in the coming months.

PAINTERS REQUIRED: we are in need of painting contractors who can paint our external walls of the church; please call the Parish Office.

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: BIBLE SUNDAY will be collected on the weekend of 27/28 August in aid of the South African Bible Society.

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

- **GALA DINNER PHOTO'S:** Are available to order at R50 each. Order forms, in the foyer, to be returned by 21 August 2022. Exact money to be submitted with order form in a sealed envelope and dropped in the secretary's office message box.
- **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.
- **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:** i.e. Proclaimers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality and Youth will be hosting a 5km Family Big Walk, on Saturday, 3 September 2022 from 7am. Entry fee is R20 for adults, with a complimentary coffee, and R10 for children, with a complimentary hot chocolate. Food stalls available; bacon and egg rolls will be on sale. Please support.

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Saturday Soup Kitchen:

- Group 6 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 20 August 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.
- Group 1 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 27 August 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed

St Vincent de Paul Society:

- **FOOD PANTRY:** SVDP is making an appeal for these donations; suggested items for this week rice, tea, coffee and sugar. These items can be placed in the trolley in the foyer – to assist the relief efforts for the poor in our community. Monetary donations are welcome - banking details available at the Office.
- **BLUE RIBBON BREAD BAGS** – Please collect all your Blue Ribbon bread bags and place them in the box in the foyer. This is an initiative between Blue Ribbon and all SVP's in the Diocese. Once again, thank you for your support.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): The following Parishioners have been elected to the PPC Executive for the next term: Lisa Augustine, Theresa Chambel, Tanya Kisten, Clayton Noah and Russel Williams. A meeting of the Full PPC will take place on Wednesday, 7 September 2022 at 19h00 in the Hall. All co-ordinators of sodalities and members of the PPC are invited to attend.

DIAMOND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023

Thank you to all who attended the pilgrimage meeting. If anyone is still interested but could not make the meeting you may contact: Percy on 082 463 6205 / email: percyclausen3@gmail.com or Karen on 074 537 5160 / email: kbarkes2011@gmail.com

CONDOLENCES

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

PRAYER CORNER

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Natalie Bray, Valerie Brown, Glynn Brown, Gerald Burger, Clint Cuddumbey, Deanna Dickson, Desmond Dobbin, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Shirleen Grobelaar, 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.