

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

1961-2021

Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

(8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021)



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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – 20/21 NOVEMBER 2021

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is celebrated on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, bringing to a close the Liturgical Year. This feast recalls the Supremacy of Christ – he is our Lord and King – the conqueror of sin and death, who has incorporated believers into the Kingdom of God. We renew our fidelity to Christ the King; may rule over our lives!

WE REMEMBER – Throughout the Month of November we reflect on the “Four Last Things” – *death, judgement, heaven and hell*. The Covid-19 Pandemic has been a crude reminder of the reality of death. Many of our parishioners have died, and those who remain are still coming to terms with their loss. Our faith in the Risen Christ gives us hope during these times. There are a number of ways to pray for all the holy souls in purgatory – by visiting the church (or a cemetery) and there recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed* – or with the invocation, “*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...*”. All parishioners are invited to the *Rosary* and Holy Mass on Tuesdays at 18h00, offered for all the faithful departed, throughout this month of November.

PIOUS LIST – Holy Mass is offered every month for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed on the Pious List. This will be renewed during the Month of November. If you would like to include the names of your deceased, please submit them this weekend. The envelopes are available in the foyer. As a way of remembering our departed loved ones, all families in the parish are invited to present the names of their deceased loved ones and friends, for, “it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins” (cf. 2 Maccabees 12:46), and receive much comfort.

ADVENT 2021 – Advent, which marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year, begins next Sunday (27/28 November 2021). It is time to start thinking about ways to mark this season of preparation in the parish and the home. Liturgical Resources, such as the Publication, *Advent Matters of the Heart*, will be made available next weekend to assist families in their prayer and devotional life during this time. Advent Wreaths for the Homes will be blessed at the weekend Masses on the First Sunday of Advent.

“Men at Prayer with Saint Joseph” – the Family Life Desk of the Pastoral Development Office (PDO) will be hosting a Retreat Day for all the Men of Port Elizabeth Deanery to mark the **closing of the Year of St Joseph** (8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021). This will take place on **Saturday, 4 December 2021, at Sacred Heart Parish in Kabega Park, from 9am to 3pm**. It will be a morning of prayer, reflection and fellowship, for all the Catholic men of our deanery, especially those involved in Parish Men's Groups, Sodalities, etc. You are invited to bring a packed lunch for the day. To register, kindly forward your name, cell phone number and email address to the PDO (info@pastoraldevelopment.org) or click on this link <https://forms.gle/AqhqXPvRuzQ5yrwq9> by Thursday, 25 November 2021. All men of our parish are invited!

Schedule for Masses and Devotions during the Coming Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	20 Nov	Holy Mass – Solemnity Christ The King	Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 93 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37
08h00	Sunday	21 Nov	Holy Mass – Solemnity Christ The King	
10h30	Sunday	21 Nov	Holy Mass – Solemnity Christ The King	
	Monday	22 Nov	<i>(Memorial – St Cecilia)</i>	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
18h00	Tuesday	23 Nov	<i>Rosary Prayers</i> Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
08h30	Wednesday	24 Nov	Holy Mass – Memorial – Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Luke 21:12-19
08h30 18h00	Thursday	25 Nov	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Holy Hour – Adoration and Benediction</i>	Daniel 6:11-27; Luke 21:20-28
08h30	Friday	26 Nov	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Daniel 7:2-14 ; Luke 21:29-33
	Saturday	27 Nov	<i>(Saturday Memorial of Our Lady)</i>	Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time – Readings for Weekdays taken from “YEAR I”/Sundays from “YEAR B”)

* 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. 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/anniversary of a loved one, in thanksgiving or for any special intention. This request may be made on Sundays and weekdays through the Parish Office. 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.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:

Day	Date	INTENTION
Saturday	20 Nov	<i>For all the Faithful Departed</i>
Sunday	21 Nov	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	21 Nov	<i>Rest of the soul of Estella Davies Special Intention of the Hogg Family</i>

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. Remember to keep the Lord's Day holy, by prayer, charity and rest from servile labour.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturdays, 16h15-16h45; on weekdays, by appointment.

TUESDAY EVENING MASSES: will be dedicated to prayer for families of the parish. All are welcome! 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. In addition, various sodalities, such as all Men, Catholic Women's League, SVDP Society, Divine Mercy Group, Legion of Mary, are invited to participate in the Rosary and Mass, as part of their ongoing formation. Ministry has *its source and summit* in the Eucharist and we learn from Our Lady what it truly means to serve Christ as a faithful disciple.

"WEDNESDAYS WITH ST JOSEPH" CATECHETICAL SERIES: special devotions and reflections for Year of St Joseph (online).

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, please join the Holy Hour in the church on Thursdays at 18h00. *All those involved in liturgical ministries are encouraged to attend, as part of their ongoing formation, especially Proclaimers, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministry, Sacristans, Ministers of Hospitality and Catechists;* it is when we kneel humbly before Jesus that we draw the necessary strength we need for ministry. Families, too, must make time to come together to the Holy Hour, bringing their thanks and needs before the Lord.

GENERAL NOTICES

REGISTRATION: to register as a parishioner or for infant baptism, RCIA, and marriage preparation for 2022, kindly contact the Parish Office.

PARISH FUNDRAISING TEAM: the Bingo evening was a great success everyone had a wonderful time; a big thank you to all our sponsors and those who had bought tickets and for the Boerewors Rolls purchased. This is much appreciated!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: We wish to express our 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. These are economically challenging times for all families. The parish finances have also been affected negatively since we rely heavily on weekly collections – which customarily accompany the offerings of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist – our gift to God and to the parish community. With the periodic closure of churches for public worship over the last eighteen months, the parish has lost most of its usual income while the operational costs have remained unchanged. We therefore appeal to parishioners to continue their offertory:

- 1) Churches are open. The Collection Bag has returned to its rightful place during the Preparation of the Gifts.**
- For those who are directly affected by the pandemic and thus cannot attend Mass in-person on a particular Sunday or for a period of time, prepare your own collection box/bag at home where your weekly collections are inserted during the time of the Offertory when you participate in the live-streamed Mass. Upon your return, the main bag will be waiting...*
- The "smart option" – Electronic Transfer/EFT of weekly collections directly into the Parish Bank Account – use your name and "virtual collection" 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.*

In addition to the monthly pledge, please make this your weekly commitment. We sincerely thank those parishioners who immediately responded to this initiative with such generosity and encourage others to do the same.

PLEDGE REFERENCES: kindly use your full name and pledge number as a reference when using the banking system. If you have made a deposit recently, without a proper reference, please contact the parish office, so that our records may be amended.

SPECIAL COLLECTION in aid of **RENEW INTERNATIONAL** will be taken this weekend.

LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR 2022: Missio Liturgical Calendars are now available for purchase, at R30 each, at the Repository.

SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN: on Saturday, 20 November, at 8:00am, Group 2 will be distributing soup. We only have 3 Groups thus far and are in need of more Groups. Parishioners who would like to assist are invited to forward their contact details to the Parish Office.

PPC MEETING: Full meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Wednesday, 24 November 2021, at 19h00 in the Hall.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: will be hosted by the Catechetical Group on Saturday, 4 December 2021 at 18h30 on the Parish Grounds, as part of our Advent preparations for the Season of Christmas. This will be an evening of Christmas Carols, live entertainment & food trucks. Bring along camping chairs, picnic baskets & candles. A donation of non-perishable food items will serve as the entrance fee. All are welcome!

PRAYER CORNER

For the sick and the housebound: Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Gerald Burger, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Roland Edgar, Butch Engelbrecht, Joey Gin, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Graham & Thora Hempel, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, George Low Ah Kee, Leo Smithies, Timothy Teulon, Joe & Thelma Trow, Elsa Wilson and David Wong.