

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
(June 2021 – June 2022)



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 23/24 APRIL 2022

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Second Sunday of Easter, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, is the Eighth-Day (Octave) of the Celebration of the Day of the Resurrection of the Lord. But the Season of Easter lasts Fifty Days, ending with the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven and Pentecost. We rejoice in the mercy of God as we celebrate the victory of Jesus, our Life!

Easter is the privileged time for **Celebration of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation**. The community of Sacred Heart Parish welcomes and congratulates all the adults and children who were baptised during the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Celebrations, as well as those confirmed, and received into the church.

A word of thanks is expressed to all parishioners and visitors who participated in the Holy Week and Easter Triduum celebrations. Our gratitude extends in a special way to those involved in the liturgical ministries, for their preparation and participation, with so much dedication, in the Holy Week ceremonies, which culminated in the celebration of the Resurrection as well as the Birthday and Ordination Anniversary of Fr Lubabalo and the Deanery Family Day – thanks, indeed, to one and all.

Last Wednesday, the priests, seminarians and missionaries of the Neo-Catechumenal Way started the **Great Mission in the Streets**. They are walking the streets of our parish to proclaim the Good News of the Risen Christ to all whom they meet. This is to prepare for the Easter Mission which will begin on Wednesday, 4 May 2022, at 19h00 in the Hall. If you would like to receive them into your home, in the afternoon/evenings, please contact the Parish Office this week. Let us welcome them!

The Parish of the Sacred Heart congratulates our **Bishop Vincent Zungu** who will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination with the clergy/faithful of the Diocese on Monday, 25 April 2022, at Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Parish in East London.

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	23 Apr	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy	Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118
08h00	Sunday	24 Apr	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy	Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
10h30	Sunday	24 Apr	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy	John 20:19-31
	Monday	25 Apr	<i>(Feast – St Mark the Evangelist)</i>	1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20
17h30	Tuesday	26 Apr	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i> Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15
08h30	Wednesday	27 Apr	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>(Freedom Day)</i>	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
08h30	Thursday	28 Apr	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
08h30	Friday	29 Apr	Holy Mass – Memorial – St Catherine of Siena	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
	Saturday	30 Apr	<i>(Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of Africa)</i>	Acts 1:12-14; John 2:1-11

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Second Sunday of Easter – Readings for Weekdays from the Daily Readings/Sundays from “YEAR C”)

** 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. 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 April/May, the envelopes for the offerings are now available in the foyer.** 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	23 Apr	Repose of the souls of Hennie Gallant, Crystal Hendricks & George Williams
Sunday	24 Apr	Ziona & Fred Nothling –16 th Wedding Anniversary; Junette Jeftha – 75 th Birthday
Sunday	24 Apr	Matric62 Thanksgiving Mass – 60 th Anniversary; Johenna Isaacs – 90 th Birthday
Tuesday	26 Apr	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, the Third Sunday of Easter, is John 21:1-19...

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

- **THANK YOU:** to all parishioners who supported the Easter Egg Drive as well as the Holy Thursday Offering for the Poor!
- **SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN:** Group 5 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 24 April 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): the Sacred Heart PPC has been at the helm for the past four years and therefore the time has come to elect a new one as per Diocesan Policy. What is a PPC? *It is a consultative body that serves to advise the parish priest about pastoral issues. The council's main purpose is to investigate, reflect and reach conclusions about pastoral matters to recommend to the parish priest.* Nominations will officially begin in two weeks' time – any registered/confirmed parishioner is able to nominate candidates for the new PPC; in the meantime, please approach the candidate you wish to nominate, and determine whether they are willing to stand for election.

STEWARDSHIP

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...*

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 COLLECTIONS: thank you for supporting the Bishops' Lenten Appeal and the Good Friday Collection for the upkeep of the Holy Places. Over the next two weekends, we will take up two special collections. The first, on the weekend of 23/24 April will be for the Bishop's Silver Jubilee Gift from Sacred Heart Parish. The other collection, on the weekend of 30 April/1 May, will go towards the Diocesan Caritas Organisation, to assist with the relief efforts for our brothers and sisters affected by the recent devastating floods in Natal/other parts of SA.

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

- **MUSIC TRIVIA:** Saturday, 30 April 2022 at 7pm in the Hall. Teams of 8 persons per table, prize to winning table, bring your own XYZ...boerewors rolls will be on sale; contact Kim Le Roux on 076 512 9459 for tickets.
- **RAFFLE:** R50 per ticket, on sale after Masses. 1st prize - 2500L Water Tank and Booster Pump; 2nd prize - Salton 1000w Pressure Cooker; 3rd Prize - Sunbeam Electric Frying pan with glass lid. Draw will take place on 24 June 2022 at the Jubilee Gala Dinner.

60th JUBILEE GALA DINNER

The Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner will take place on Friday 24 June 2022 at 7pm in the Hall. Tickets cost R300 per person, payable over 2 months. Limited seats are available, due to COVID protocols being observed. This is a Parish Celebration and not a Fundraising event – preference is given to Parishioners to purchase tickets first. Tickets are available from Tania Williams 084 410 3606. Book before it's too late!

UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS

- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Concelebrated Mass to mark this special feast, Sunday, 24 April 2022, 14h30, at St Martin's Gelvandale.
- **RETRouvaille WEEKEND:** This is the last opportunity to register for the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next weekend which will take place in **Port Elizabeth** from the 29th April to the 1st May 2022, visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.com or phone 072 783 6785 and we will help you.
- **THE KNIGHTS OF DA GAMA:** in collaboration with DJ Man-Ozay will be hosted a Golden Oldies at Sacred Heart Parish Hall **Sunday, 1 May 2022 from 19h00 till late.** Tickets cost **R60 per person;** contact Jarrod Simon 074 9433 669/Warren Myburgh 082 85 22331. The Knights are also in need of your empty coffee glass bottles, which can be handed in at the Office or left with the MOH.

PRAYER CORNER

For the sick and the housebound: Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Natalie Bray, Valerie Brown, Glynn Brown, Gerald Burger, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Butch Engelbrecht, Shirleen Grobbelaar, 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.

O BLOOD AND WATER, WHICH GUSHED FORTH FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNT OF MERCY FOR US: I TRUST IN YOU!