

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



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Parish Office will close on 27 December until 3 January 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B – 24 DECEMBER 2023 - SECOND COLLECTION

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is inviting us to prepare a dwelling place for the Lord in our hearts. Mary was ready to host the Lord in her heart and womb. Are you ready and prepared to be a dwelling place for the Lord?

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 23 December	4th SUNDAY– ADVENT	1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1 – 5, 8 – 12, 14 – 16;	RIP - Kingsley Lee Son
08h00	Sunday 24 December	4th SUNDAY– ADVENT	Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29 2 nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27	Special Intention – Kayla Scholtz Special Intention –Tam Philander Thanksgiving – Ingwe Family RIP – Carole Duncan
10h30	24 December	4th SUNDAY– ADVENT	Gospel – Luke 1:26-38	
17h00	24 December	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Vigil Mass	Is 62:1 – 5; Psalm 89: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matt 1:1-25	
20H00	24 December	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Mass at Night	Is 9:2-7; Ps 96: Titus 2:11-14: Luke 2:1-14	
09h00	Monday 25 December	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Morning Mass	Isaiah 52:7 – 10; Psalm: 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18	
08h30	Tuesday 26 December	Memorial – St Stephen	Acts 6:8-7-10, 7,54-59; Psalm 31; Mt 10: 17–22	
08H30	Wednesday 27 December	Memorial – St John	1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97: 1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:2-8	
08H30	Thursday 28 December	Memorial – Holy Innocents	1 John 1: 5-2, 2; Psalm 124: 2 – 5, 7 – 8; Mt 2: 13 – 18	
08h30	Friday 29 December	Friday – 5 th Day Octave of Christmas	1 John 2: 3 – 11; Ps 96 :1 – 3, 5 – 6; Luke 2:22 – 35	
17h00	Saturday 30 December	VIGIL - HOLY FAMILY	Gen 15: 1 – 6, 21: 1- 13; Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 8 – 9	Birthday: Hayde Paulsen Birthday: Lynette Ludwick
08h00	Sunday 31 December	SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY	Hebrews 1: 8, 11-12,17-19 Gospel – Luke 2: 22 –40	
18H00	Sunday 31 December	VIRGIL MASS OF MOTHER OF GOD		
10h00	Monday 1 January	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD	Numbers 6: 22 – 27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6,8; Gal 4: 4–7; Lk 2: 16 - 21	
17h00	Saturday 6 January	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	1 st Reading: Is 60: 1 - 6;	
08h00	Sunday 7 January	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Ps 72:1-2,7-8, 10-13:2 nd Reading Eph 3: 2 - 3, 5 - 6	RIP – Cecil Hutton
10h30	Sunday 7 January	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Gospel - Matthew 2: 1- 12	Lynne Douglas – 65 th Birthday
08h30	Monday 8 January	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Is 55: 1–11; Is 12: 2-6; Mk 1:7–11	

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart

The past year has been full of ups and downs but we are still standing. We give thanks to God for this joyous season that affords us an opportunity at the end of the year to reflect on the meaning of our Christian lives and journeys. There is no better time than the Advent Season to contemplate and meditate on the Coming of the Lord as we ready our hearts. We are a work in progress as a Welcoming and Inclusive United Family that is an Evangelising Community Serving God, Humanity and All Creation.

Our Parish Vision and the Pastoral Plan of the Catholic Church in Southern Africa is our driving force. This is our faith's way of proclaiming that Jesus Christ, the Word Made Flesh is the Light and the Joy of the World.

Christmas is a celebration of God who became human by being born in a manger, the poorest place ever. God is to be found in all human situations, in unlikely places, and in the most vulnerable spaces. As we celebrate Christmas, let us not allow ourselves to be too comfortable with our situation, let us reflect deeply on the essential meaning of Christmas.

Let us find a way to reach out to those members of our families who are difficult or those neighbours who are a challenge, those friends who have hurt us, those who are homeless, etc. May this Christmas Season help us to deepening the meaning of our faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, so that Peace, Forgiveness and Reconciliation may reign in our hearts and in our families.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you. Joy, Love and Peace.

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SACRED HEART GQEBERHA PARISH LOGO COMPETITION: We are an Evangelizing Community, serving God, Humanity and all creation by being a Welcoming, Inclusive and United Family. Parishioners are invited to design the Parish logo, with this said in mind, submit all entries to parishmediape@gmail.com by including your name, contact number, brief of details/explanation of meaning of your designs by 31/12/2023.

FUNDRAISING TEAM: NEW YEARS EVE GOLDEN OLDIES: Tickets sold out.

ST PHILIP NERI PILGRIMAGE – PARIS – LOURDES – ROME – ASSISI led by Fr Grant James C.O. (frgrant@priory.co.za)

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed: • Group 1 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 23 December 23 @ 08h00
• Group 2 will be distributing soup next Saturday 30 December 23 @ 08h00

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Rice, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Oil, Stock cubes, Flour and Yeast.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: We know that times are tough economically but that is also true for the Church. We are appealing to every parishioner who is employed, owns a business and or receives an income to support the Church as per our responsibility to pay the pledge monthly and offer weekly collection at the weekend Mass. This is our thanksgiving to God for the many graces and blessings we have received. 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.**

LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR 2024: Kindly collect all orders placed for Liturgical Resources 2024 from the Office or the Repository.

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Leslie Ah Shene, Judy Adams, Barbara Andre, Beryl Bowler, Valerie Brown, Dawn Brown Gerald Burger, Maria De Freitas, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Gladys Harper, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Germaine Hogg, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Lucia Leander, Nancy & Ronnie Leeson, Stanley Leeson, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Marjorie Mathew, Mike Miller, Linda Smith, Leo Smithies, Gerald & Susan Spence, Felicity Van Heerden, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Gwen Williams.