

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C – 23/24 JULY 2022

The disciples approach Jesus in the gospel this Sunday with the request, “Lord, teach us to pray...”. The Lord gives them the “Our Father” as a pattern of prayer. This prayer is part of our liturgy and daily devotion. Reflect on the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer.

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:

This weekend we celebrate the 2nd Annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on the Sunday closest to the Memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne, the parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Our Lord. This special day is an opportunity to honour our beloved elderly in our families and communities which means listening to and learning from their wisdom. Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to pray throughout the month of July for the elderly. In his message on this theme, the Pope says, “Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.”

THE MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS:

July is the *month* of the *Precious Blood* of Jesus, and St Bernadette's Parish is challenging all other parishes in the Diocese to donate a pint of their *precious blood*, from 20 June - 5 August. Visit a *blood bank* near you and take a photo of you or your arm during the donation process and WhatsApp it to 083 565 5253. (Photos may be used on social media).

Thanks to all who are responding to this cause. "Save a life - donate *blood*".

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	23 July	Holy Mass – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13
08h00	Sunday	24 July	Holy Mass – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10h30	Sunday	24 July	Holy Mass – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Monday	25 July	<i>(Feast – St James)</i>	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
17h30	Tuesday	26 July	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i>	Jeremiah 14:17- 22; Matthew 13:36-43
18h00			Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament	
18h30			Holy Mass – Feast – Sts Joachim & Anne <i>(Healing Mass)</i>	
08h30	Wednesday	27 July	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Jeremiah 15:10,16-21; Mt 13:44-46
08h30	Thursday	28 July	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53
08h30	Friday	29 July	Holy Mass – Feast – Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	1 John 4:7-16; John 11: 19-27
	Saturday	30 July	<i>(Saturday Memorial of Our Lady)</i>	Jeremiah 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Seventeenth 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 July, 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	23 July	For the Repose of the Soul of Victor Quanson
Sunday	24 July	In Thanksgiving – Coskey Family
Sunday	24 July	Repose of the Soul of Sonia Hammond
Tuesday	26 July	Pious List (RIP)
Friday	29 July	Repose of the Soul of Dennis Kim Sing

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, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is Luke 12:13-21...

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Saturday Soup Kitchen:

- Group 2 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 23 July 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.
- Group 3 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 30 July 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.

St Vincent De Paul Society:

- **BLANKET DRIVE** – we appeal to each family in the parish to donate at least 1 blanket for the poor and needy in our community. Blankets to be placed in the box provided in the foyer. *Thanks to all parishioners, especially Mr Jerome Stowman, who are responding generously to this cause!*
- **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. Thank you for your support.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) ELECTIONS: 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 have been verified by the Office and the following nominees have accepted to stand for elections:

Lisa Augustine, Clayton Noah, Tanya Kisten, Theresa Chambel, Collette Martin, Dianne Williams, Bronwen Brown, Russel Williams, Treasure Nquma, Natasha Rondganger. We thank them for accepting the nomination and as a community we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us in the process of electing from among them representatives who will minister in the parish as *servant leaders after the heart of Jesus Christ.*

PPC elections will take place next weekend, 30/31 July 2022, at all Masses. Ballot papers will be provided; please bring your own pen.

STEWARDSHIP

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

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.

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...*

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

- **JUBILEE HIGH TEA** will be hosted at Sacred Heart on Saturday 6 August at 1h30pm in the Hall; tickets have been sold out.

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@gamil.com

UPCOMING DEANERY EVENTS

DEANERY UNITY MASS: Tuesday, 9 August 2022 (*Public Holiday*), 10h00am at St Augustine's Cathedral. All parishes of PE Deanery are invited to participate. The New Pastoral Plan of the SACBC will be launched and the Jubilee of Bishop Zungu celebrated on that day.

CONDOLENCES

The Community of Sacred Heart Parish extends heartfelt condolences and assurance of prayers to the Mackay/Ah Shene Family at the passing of Louis Mackay and the Quanson Family at the passing of Victor Quanson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

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, Shirleen Grobbelaar, 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, Desmond Dobbin.