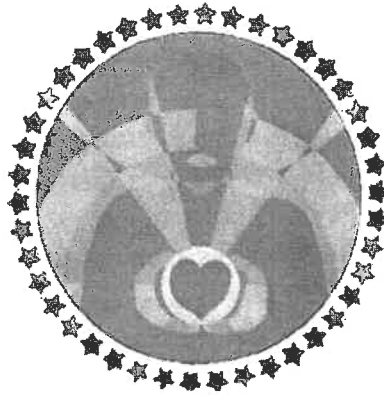


**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**  
**Welcoming, inclusive, united family!**  
**EVANGELISING COMMUNITY SERVING**  
**GOD, HUMANITY & ALL CREATION**



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**25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 – (SECOND COLLECTION - SICK PRIEST FUND)**

The generosity of God cannot be understood by our human minds and hearts. The ways of God are beyond us. The justice of God defies human logic. The first step in our human quest for God is to embrace this wisdom, that, God's thoughts are beyond our thoughts and God's ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:8). In the Christian family, community and society, we are invited by the Word of God to embrace Divine Generosity rather than to be jealousy and envious. Divine Generosity invites us to be a welcoming, inclusive and united evangelising community serving God, Humanity and All of Creation. Therefore, those who have been hired at the last hour of the working day, they also deserve the generosity of the owner of the vineyard, even though they are different from us, or they are new and are on the margins of our family, community and society. May Divine Generosity expand human generosity in each of us, as we continue to celebrate the Season of Creation.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 23 Sept	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1 <sup>ST</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9	RIP – SYDWELL NQUMA
08h00	Sunday 24 Sept	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Responsorial Psalm: Ps: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Phil 1:20-24,27	Ulyndyss Junior – 9 <sup>th</sup> Birthday RIP – Mr & Mrs V M Lobi
10H30	Sunday 24 Sept	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16	Patricia Douglas – 87th Birthday
18H30	Tuesday 26 Sept	Twenty- Fifth Week in Ordinary Time – Year 1	Ezra 6:7-8,12, 14-20; Ps 122: 1-5; Luke 8:19-21	RIP – Tyrone Hutton
08H30	Wednesday 27 Sept	Memorial – St Vincent De Paul	Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:1-4, 6,8; Lk 9:1-6	Special Intention: SVDP
08H30	Thursday 28 Sept	Twenty- Fifth Week in Ordinary Time – Year 1	Hag 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6,9; Lk 9:7-9	RIP – Pious list
08h30	Friday 29 Sept	FEAST – ARCHANGELS MICHEAL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL	Dan 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 138:1-5; John 1:47-51	RIP – SYDWELL NQUMA
17h00	Saturday 30 Sept	TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1 <sup>ST</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28	
08h00	Sunday 1 October	TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Psalm 25: 4 – 9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Phil 2:1-11;	
10H30	Sunday 1 October	TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32	SVDP – Deceased & Living Members

**SACRED HEART, GQEBERHA: MISSION (1 - 15 October 2023)** "The aim of every mission is a total, fundamental and personal conversion to Jesus Christ... St Alphonsus sermons emphasized the relationship between God and each person's individual destiny. However, his preaching had an overall effect on the community."

The coming weeks will be filled with preparation, planning and lots of anticipation. Will be advertised on the notice boards at the back of the church for information, logistics and planning schedules. Parish social media pages will also be updated. We will appreciate all forms of help to ensure the success of the Mission.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Register as a New Parishioner and receive an e-Newsletter every Friday.  
**HOUSE MASSES AND BLESSING:** on Thursdays @ 6pm are available on request for new parishioners.  
**INFANT BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish Office for details as there will be baptisms on 5 November 2023 @ 8am.  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please contact the Parish Office at least ONE YEAR (12 MONTHS) before the wedding. **PLEASE DO NOT BOOK ANY VENUES WITHOUT MEETING WITH FR LUBABALO**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE:** Saturdays @ 16h30; Tuesday @ 17h45; Thursday @ 09h15  
**TUESDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR WITH ROSARY @ 17H30:** Adoration, Rosary, Confession and Benediction.  
**THURSDAY MORNING HOLY HOUR @ 09H00:** Adoration, Rosary, Confession and Benediction.  
**SEPTEMBER MONTH IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS – CATECHISM GROUP (LEAD ROSARY)**  
**BIBLE STUDY: 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 WEDNESDAY @ 18h30** in the Religious Centre (Small Hall)  
**LITURGY MEETING:** Will be held on Wednesday 27 September at 6h30 Upper Room.

#### **SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed:** • Group 3 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 23 September 23 @ 08h00  
• Group 4 will be distributing soup next Saturday 30 September 23, at 08h00  
**SVDP FOOD PANTRY:** Mielie Meal, Packet Soup, Oats, Morevite, 2 Minute Noodles, Tinned Tomato & Onion, Jam and Tuna to be placed in the trolley in the foyer.

#### **UPCOMING PARISH/DEANERY EVENT**

**SEASON OF CREATION: "LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW" – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 4 OCTOBER 2023.** We invite all parishioners to **donate seeds** of fruits and vegetables to the **Akhanani Good Shepherd Mission (Sr Zelna)**.

**NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** We invite Parishioners to register at the parish office for the blessing of the graves of family members beginning on the Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9am – 11 am in the different cemeteries of Gqeberha, if there are many more families we will extend the blessing of graves to the next Saturday. **Graves will only be blessed if families are present and have registered with the Parish Office.**

**PIOUS LISTS:** The month of November is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. The Pious envelopes will be available from this weekend in the foyer on the table. Parishioners are invited to take envelopes and complete them and hand them over to the Parish Office before 31 October, 2023.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE:** 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.**

#### **EASTERN PROVINCE SICK PRIEST FUND – SICK PRIEST FUND ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE**

"The priests of the diocese are deeply grateful for your most generous contributions to the Eastern Province Sick Priests Fund. The annual collection will take place this weekend of the 23rd and 24th September. Please give your usual generous contributions to this collection as we have a lot of demands from this fund for our sick and aged Clergy. Private donations during this year to the fund are deeply appreciated as well" – Bishop Zungu

**LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR 2024:** Please place your orders via the Office for Liturgical Calendars and Bible Diaries ASAP. Every Catholic home should have a Liturgical Calendar, to follow the Scripture Readings, Feasts of the Saints, etc, for each day of the year. To help with our reflection on the daily readings and prayer, Bible Diaries are published, giving the readings, a short reflection and a prayer for each day.

**FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Leslie Ah Shene, Barbara Andre, Beryl Bowler, Valerie Brown, Gerald Burger, Maria De Freitas, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Helen Emmerick, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Gladys Harper, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Germaine Hogg, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Basil Knight, Lucia Leander, Nancy and Ronnie Leeson, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Leo Smithies, Gerald Spence, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Gwen Williams, Diane Williams.

**CONDOLENCES:** The Community of the Sacred Heart extends heartfelt condolences and assurance of prayers to the Nquma Family on the tragic passing of Zwelethu Sydwell Nquma, a beloved son of Treasure: **Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.**