

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

1961-2021

Welcoming, inclusive, united family!

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR



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PARISH OFFICE: Closed from Tuesday, 27 December 2022
to Tuesday, 3 January 2023



THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS 2022

24 December 2022 – 10 January 2023



Christmas is not the celebration of the exact birth of Jesus but it is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, hence it technically called the Nativity of the Lord. It is also for us who believe in Him, the celebration of the birth of new way of seeing the world. In that sense, Christmas is a celebration of our new birth in Christ. The Fourth Gospel presents this in these iconic words, **“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father.”** This is at the heart of Christianity, it is one of the core mysteries of our faith, the Incarnation. Incarnation is the truth that God became a human being in the Baby of the Stable in Bethlehem. Therefore, Christmas celebrates that incredible realisation, that human beings have noble and divine quality in their dignity.

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT YOU HAVE GIFTED TO ME. THEY ARE MY TRUE CHRISTMAS JOY! PEACE AND LOVE TO ALL OF YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. Lubabalo

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR MASSES THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS 2022/NEW YEAR 2023:

Time	Day	DATE	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	24 Dec	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – At the Vigil Mass	Isaiah 62:11-12;Ps97;Titus3:4-7:Lk 2:15-20
20h00	Saturday	24 Dec	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Mass during the Night	Isaiah 9:2-7;Ps96;;Titus2:11-14; Lk2:1-14
08h00	Sunday	25 Dec	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Mass during the Day	Isaiah 52:7-10;Ps98;Heb 1:1-6;Jn1:1-18
08h30	Monday	26 Dec	Holy Mass – St Stephen, First Martyr	Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
08h30	Tuesday	27 Dec	Mass – St John, Apostle and Evangelist	1 John 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8
08h30	Wednesday	28 Dec	Mass – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	1 John 1:5, 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
08h30	Thursday	29 Dec	Mass – St Thomas Becket, Martyr	1 John 2:3-11; Mt 2:13-18
08h30	Friday	30 Dec	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
17h00	Saturday	31 Dec	VIGIL MASS – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67 ; Galatians 4:4-7;
08h00	Sunday	01 Jan	THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Luke 2:16-21
08h30	Monday	02 Jan	Holy Mass – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	1 John 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
08h30	Tuesday	03 Jan	Holy Mass – Most Holy Name of Jesus	1 John 2:29, 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
08h30	Wednesday	04 Jan	Holy Mass	1 John 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
08h30	Thursday	05 Jan	Holy Mass	1 John 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
08h30	Friday	06 Jan	Holy Mass	1 John 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
17h00	Saturday	07 Jan	VIGIL MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6;

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday to Friday at 08:30am (Excluding Saturday, 31 December 2022 – Mass at 17h00)

TUESDAY EVENING MASSES: will resume on 17 January 2023

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION: will resume on 19 January 2023

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): every Saturday at 16h15 and by appointment

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>INTENTION</i>
Saturday	24 Dec	Repose of the Soul of Mona Francis Thanksgiving – Aloysius & Cecilia Barth - 40 th Wedding Anniversary
Friday	30 Dec	Thanksgiving – Hayde Paulsen - Birthday
Saturday	31 Dec	Thanksgiving Lynette Ludwick - Birthday
Tuesday	03 Jan	Thanksgiving – Hayde & Riyaad Paulsen - 19 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	08 Jan	Thanksgiving – Nicholas Ah Kun - Birthday

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

INFANT BAPTISM: Contact Parish Office for details

rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Contact the Parish Office for details.

REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact the Parish Office for details. Please be advised that registration for classes should take place at least **6 months** before the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Whenever a baptised member of the community is sick please contact the office, do not hesitate.

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY PRAYER CORNER: LECTIO DIVINA (HOLY READING OF SCRIPTURE) – Luke 2:16-21

METHODOLOGY OF THIS ANCIENT WAY OF PRAYER (**READ, MEDITATE, PRAY, CONTEMPLATE AND ACT**)

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

St Vincent de Paul Society:

- **BLUE RIBBON BREAD BAGS** – Please collect all your Blue-Ribbon bread bags and place them in the box in the foyer.

UPCOMING PARISH AND DEANERY EVENTS

FUNDRAISING: NEW YEARS EVE DANCE: TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE LUCKY WINNERS: Congratulations to the following winners: **1st Prize (Food Processor) - Erika Potberg, 2nd Prize (Deep Fat Fryer) - Russel Williams, 3rd Prize (Le Creuset Mug Set) - Casey Lee and 4th Prize (Steak Knives and Fork set) - Clive Felix. Thank you to all for your support.**

PARISH NEW YEAR'S JUBILEE CARNIVAL – 22 JANUARY 2023

The Dementia Support Group Meeting for December: The support group for family members of persons with Dementia /Alzheimer's will meet in the small hall at Sacred Heart Parish on Monday 16th January 2023 at 10h00. New members are always welcome. For further information contact Kaye on 083 299 1842

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE:

The Parish of the Sacred Heart is grateful to all the parishioners who continue their financial support of the parish through their monthly pledge, either via EFT or the envelope system. All parishioners (father, mother, and adult working children) who are employed or have a regular income, are expected by the Church 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.

PRAYER CORNER

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Natalie Bray, Valerie 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 Rumbles, Leo Smithies, Timothy Teulon, Joe & Thelma Trow, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers.