

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



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 27 AUGUST 2023 (SECOND COLLECTION- BIBLE SOCIETY)

In the first reading, from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the Lord threatens to remove “**key of the house of David**” from Shebna and give them to Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah. The reason for this drastic decision was that Shebna did not listen to the Word of God. In the Gospel, Jesus promises to give the “**keys of the kingdom of heaven**” to Peter. As a Community of the Sacred Heart, on Sunday 27 August 2023, Bishop Zungu will be confirming 19 young people, giving them the keys of full membership in the Catholic Church. The Holy Spirit will come over them giving them the seven gifts, so that they can live according to the fruits of the spirit. We pray with them and their families. We pray for them as the family of God. May they grow in their faith as they learn to listen to the Word of God in their lives.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 26 August	TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1st Reading: Is 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8	RIP – Johnny Abrahams
08h00	Sunday 27 August	TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	2 nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36	Thanksgiving - Confirmation Candidates
10H30	Sunday 27 August	TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20	
18H30	Tuesday 29 August	MEMORIAL – THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	Jeremiah 1:17-19; Ps 71: 1- 6, 15, 17; Mark 6:17-29	RIP – Pious list
08H30	Wednesday 30 August	Twenty – First Week In Ordinary Time- Year 1	1 Thess 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32	
08H30	Thursday 31 August	Twenty – First Week In Ordinary Time- Year 1	1 Thess 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-4, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51	
08h30	Friday 1 September	Twenty – First Week In Ordinary Time- Year 1	1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5- 6, 10-12; Matthew 25:1-13	
17h00	Saturday 2 September	TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	1 ST Reading: Jer 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9	
08h00	Sunday 3 September	TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	2 nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2;	
10H30	Sunday 3 September	TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A	Gospel – Matthew 16:21-27	

SACRED HEART, GQEBERHA: MISSION (1 - 15 October 2023)

“The aim of every mission is a total, fundamental and personal conversion to Jesus Christ... St Alphonus 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.

HOSPITALITY: THE COMMUNITY OF THE SACRED HEART IS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE UNITED FAMILY

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.

CATECHETICS: SUNDAYS @ 09H30: GRADE 1 – 12 please contact Denise Philander on 071 079 9702.
EVERY SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE FOR CHILDREN, CATECHISTS AND PARENTS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS / SPIRITUAL GROWTH

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parishioners who would like to have their children baptised please contact Parish Office ASAP.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact the Parish Office at least **ONE YEAR** before the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE: Saturdays @ 16h30; Tuesday @ 17h45; Thursday @ 09h15

TUESDAY EVENING HOLY HOUR WITH ROSARY @ 17H30: Adoration, Rosary and Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING HOLY HOUR @ 09H00: Adoration, Rosary and Benediction.

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY – MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (LEAD ROSARY)

BIBLE STUDY: 30 AUGUST 2023 WEDNESDAY @ 18h30 in the Religious Centre (Small Hall)

LITURGY MEETING: Will be held on Wednesday 30 August at 6h30 Upper Room.

YOUTH: Will be held on Friday 8 September at 7pm in the Religious Centre (Small Hall) an appeal to please attend.

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed: • Group 4 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 26 August 23 @ 08h00

• Group 5 will be distributing soup next Saturday 2 September 23, at 08h00

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Request assistance with a gas stove/ gas single/double burner for a family we are supporting.

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 – to assist the relief efforts for the poor in our community.

UPCOMING PARISH/DEANERY EVENT

SVP Golden Oldies Dance - 16 Sept 2023 at 19h00, Cost = R80. Please support our dance, funds raised in aid of our community projects. Tickets on sale after all Masses or contact Monique - 082 441 8985 or Jackie - 072 983 0005. For eft payments - Society of St Vincent de Paul. Standard Bank, Acc no 080 396 208" Use the SVP member's name and ticket number as a reference.

Sacred Heart Golf Day – 22 September 2023 @ PE Golf Club Westview Mill Park, Please book a Four Ball contact Danville.Felkers@consultm.co.za or dphilander@gmail.com

ST THOMAS MONEY BINGO: Will be held on Saturday 09 September at 14h00. PRICE: R200 FOR 2 PLAYING CARDS INCLUDES: 9 Singles + Loser Game = R3000 Prize, Included Full House = R 10 000 Prize. Extra Full House (R2000) for R20.

SEASON OF CREATION: “LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW” – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 4 OCTOBER 2023

On Sunday, 3 September we will be launching our season of Creation by planting the Marriage and Family Tree that we were given by the Bishop on the 9 August 2023, Unity Mass. We will also be highlighting the value of water by Blessing of Water.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO PAY THE PLEDGE CONSISTENTLY AND GENEROUSLY DURING THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES IN OUR COUNTRY. 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.**

REPOSITORY: We have rosaries, medals, religious books and all the other devotional goodies of your choice.

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Leslie Ah Shene, Sally Botha, 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, Thora Hempel, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, 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.