

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth**

**1961-2021**

*Welcoming, inclusive, united family!*

*PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR*



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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A – 26/27 NOVEMBER 2022**

The Season of Advent with its emphasis on waiting, watchfulness and readiness makes it very clear to all of us what the Head of the Church, Christ expects from us. This First Sunday of Advent begins the first phase of Advent that focus on the Second Coming of the Lord. Hence, the Word of God invites us to commence this new liturgical year with these words, **“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” (Isaiah 2: 3)** In the midst of the festivities of this period in secular society, the Psalmist declares, **“Let us go to the House of the Lord.” (Psalm 122)** The House of the Lord is the dwelling place of the Presence of God. It is the place where we can come to realise **“what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand” (Romans 13:11-12).**



**Advent Wreaths**, which form part of our liturgical environment during Advent, and which assist us to prayerfully mark down the four weeks to Christmas, will be blessed at the weekend Masses on First Sunday of Advent. Advent Wreaths for the Homes may be brought to the church for this blessing.

**Bishop Zungu’s Advent Appeal** this year, is to assist the diocese with the sustainability and viability of Diocesan properties in need of major repairs. A special collection will be taken up on all the Sundays of Advent for this important cause.

**LITURGICAL RESOURCES**, such as the *Publication, Advent Matters of the Heart*, produced by Fr Lubabalo will be available this weekend, for R20 per copy. It contains daily reflections on the Advent Readings to assist families in their prayer and devotional life during this time.

**The Tuesday Evening Rosary and Mass at 18h00 and the Thursday Holy hour at 18h00 will assist us during our Advent Journey. “Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man” (Pope Francis)**

**Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:**

| Time           | Day       | Date   | Liturgical Day   | Readings   |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--|--|
| 17h00          | Saturday  | 26 Nov | Holy Mass – First Sunday of Advent   | Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122<br>Romans 13:11-14<br>Matthew 24:37-44 |
| 08h00          | Sunday    | 27 Nov | Holy Mass – First Sunday of Advent   |  |
| 10h30          | Sunday    | 27 Nov | Holy Mass – First Sunday of Advent   |  |
|                | Monday    | 28 Nov |  | Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11                                   |
| 18h00          | Tuesday   | 29 Nov | Rosary Prayers<br>Holy Mass – St Cecilia <b>18h30</b>                          | Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24                                  |
| 08h30          | Wednesday | 30 Nov | Holy Mass – Memorial –St Andrew  | Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22                                |
| 08h30<br>18h00 | Thursday  | 01 Dec | Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day<br><i>Holy Hour – Adoration and Benediction</i> | Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27                              |
| 08h30          | Friday    | 02 Dec | Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day   | Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31                               |
|                | Saturday  | 03 Dec | (St Francis Xavier Priest)   | Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35, 10:1, 5-8                      |

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – First Week of Advent – Sundays of Advent are taken from “YEAR A”)

**Mass Intentions for the Coming Week::**

| Day      | Date   | INTENTION  |
|----------|--------|--|
| Saturday | 26 Nov | Repose of the soul of Ted Donachie<br>Repose of the soul of Randine Hutton |
| Sunday   | 27 Nov | In Thanksgiving – Jamie Mahal 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday                    |
| Sunday   | 27 Nov | Repose of the Soul of Ain Hong Keong                                       |

**PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** Saturdays – 16h15-16h45

Tuesday – 17h40 – 18h00 by Appointment

Thursday – 09h10 – 09h30 by Appointment

**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. 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, 2nd Sunday of Advent, is Matthew 3:1-12...**

#### SACRAMENTS

**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 date.

**INFANT BAPTISM/NEW PARISHIONERS:** Contact the Parish Office for details.

**CATECHICAL FORMATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL):** Classes are on Sundays 9:30 am to 10:30am

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We are very proud of our **9 kids** who received their First Holy Communion last week Sunday and ask our Lord to bless them.

#### STEWARDSHIP

**MARIAN GROTTA UPDATE:** We are pleased to inform the community that the design of the Grotto is well underway. Once it has been approved, there will be an opportunity to engage with it together, then a task team will cost and plan the actual construction of the Grotto.

**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 (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. The Lord loves a cheerful giver...

**FUNDRAISING TEAM: NEW YEARS EVE DANCE:** Tickets available at R100 per person. Ticket sales please contact Liz Williams on 084 247 3503

**REPOSITORY:** those who have ordered Liturgical Resources for 2023 (God's Word, Springs of Carmel, Liturgical Calendars) may now collect them. There are also extra copies available for purchase from the Repository.

**SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022 COMMENCING WITH MASS & ANOINTING**

This celebration is for our parishioners and their spouses **who are 65 years of age and older.** To facilitate catering, invitations must be returned not later than the weekend of the **01 December 2022.** These may be placed in the collection basket, put in the box situated in the foyer or dropped off at the office. **The return of this invitation will be regarded as confirmation of your attendance. The Invitation Forms are available at the Hospitality desk.**

#### MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

**SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:**

**Saturday Soup Kitchen:**

- Group 4 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 26 November 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed
- Group 5 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 03 December 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed

**St Vincent de Paul Society:**

- **TOILETRIES APPEAL** - The SVP Society appeals for the following items to make up toiletry gift packs for the 60 senior citizens at Elizabeth Stuurman Old Age Home: Face cloth, soap bar, roll-on and toothpaste.
- **BLUE RIBBON BREAD BAGS** – Please collect all your Blue Ribbon bread bags and place them in the box in the foyer.

**UPCOMING EVENT: "New Year Jubilee Carnival": JANUARY 2023** Please check your email for the google form invitation extended to all parish families. MoH will assist you with a hardcopy, if you do not receive email notifications. Kindly complete before 4 December 2022

#### PARISH EVENTS

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** will be hosted by the Catechetical Group, Saturday, 3 December 2022, 18h30 at Sacred Heart Hall, as part of our Advent preparations for the Season of Christmas. This will be an evening of Christmas Carols, good food and good company. A donation of non-perishable food items for the poor, would be appreciated. Food and drinks on sale. All are welcome!

#### 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, Wally Yet Law