

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

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PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR
(June 2021 – June 2022)



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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – YEAR C – 28/29 MAY 2022

Come, let us adore Christ the Lord who promised to send the Holy Spirit on his people, alleluia!

NOVENA – PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST:

Friday, 27 May – Saturday, 4 June 2022, marks the ancient and solemn Novena in preparation for the great Feast of Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit - which will bring the Season of Easter to a close next Sunday.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: *Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

Let us pray

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena Prayer

Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, Spirit of truth, love, and holiness, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and equal to Them in all things, I adore you and love you with all my heart.

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it should be Your holy Will to grant it: **(mention your request).**

Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope, and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state of life.

Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(This Novena Prayer has been taken from the *Pocket Book of Catholic Novenas*)

EASTER MISSION: Like the Apostles in the early church, the priests and missionaries of the Neo-Catechumenal Way are among us for the **Easter Mission**, which started on Wednesday, 4 May 2022, at 19h00 in the Hall, and will continue this week on Monday, 30 May, and Friday, 3 June, and conclude with the Celebration of the Word on Monday, 6 June which is the Monday after Pentecost. All are welcome!

MONTH OF MARY – PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE: The month of May, in our Catholic Tradition, is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All the faithful, families and communities, are invited to pray the Rosary throughout May. We encourage all families of our parish to choose a suitable time of the day when they can gather for the Rosary in the home. A large poster will be displayed in the foyer throughout the month where individuals and families can inscribe their names if they would like to participate in this initiative, dedicating a daily decade or a daily or weekly Rosary, praying for peace in the world/in the family. **We conclude this ‘Rosary for Peace’, in union with Pope Francis and the whole church on Tuesday, 31 May 2022, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Join us for the Rosary in the church before Mass.**

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	28 May	Holy Mass – Ascension of our Lord	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47
08h00	Sunday	29 May	Holy Mass – Ascension of our Lord	Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
10h30	Sunday	29 May	Holy Mass – Ascension of our Lord	Luke 24:46-53
	Monday	30 May		Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
17h30	Tuesday	31 May	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>(with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)</i> Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament	
18h00			Holy Mass – Feast – Visitation of our Lady <i>(Healing Mass)</i>	Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56
18h30				
08h30	Wednesday	01 June	Holy Mass – Memorial – St Justin Martyr	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19
08h30	Thursday	02 June	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day <i>Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction</i>	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
08h30	Friday	03 June	Holy Mass – Memorial – Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions	2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Mat 5:1-12
	Saturday	04 June		Acts 28:16-20,30-31; John 21:20-25

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Seventh Week of Easter – Readings for Weekdays from the Daily Readings/Sundays from “YEAR C”)

** For the safety of all, please comply with the Covid-19 health and safety protocols, whenever visiting the church **

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 May, 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	28 May	In Thanksgiving – Kelvin & Glynn Brown – 39 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	29 May	In Thanksgiving – Anita Ah Kun – Birthday
Sunday	29 May	For the People of the Parish
Wednesday	1 June	Pious List (RIP)

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, Pentecost, is John 14:15-16, 23-26...

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): 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 for the New PPC have been collected. Once verified by the Office, the list of Nominees eligible for election will be published.

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

- **SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN:** Group 5 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 28 May 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.

STEWARDSHIP

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...*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: will be taken this weekend 28/29 May for the St Patrick's Mission Fund.

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

- **RAFFLE:** R50 per ticket, on sale after Masses. 1st prize - 2500L Water Tank and Booster Pump; 2nd prize - Salton 1000w Pressure Cooker; 3rd Prize - Sunbeam Electric Frying pan with glass lid. Draw will take place on 24 June 2022 at the Jubilee Gala Dinner.
- **CURRY BUNNY SALE:** This weekend 28 & 29 May @ R25 each. Collection will be outside church after weekend Masses.

UPCOMING JUBILEE EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

The following events to mark the month of the Sacred Heart in June, will lead up to the Jubilee Mass, on Friday, 24 June 2022 at 18h00:

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Wednesday, 15 June 2022 to Thursday, 24 June 2022.

JUBILEE YOUTH DAY MASS: Thursday, 16 June 2022 at 08h30am.

JUBILEE HIKE FOR MEN: This will take place on **Saturday, 18 June 2022**, from 9am onwards – possibly at Cape Recife – ending with a bring n braai. Any men of our parish, especially fathers and sons, are welcome to register their interest with the Parish Office...

JUBILEE WALK FOR WOMEN: a "Diamond Jubilee Self-Discovery Walk for Women" on **Saturday, 18 June 2022**, from 9am – 11am, starting opposite the Oceanarium in Summerstrand. Kindly RSVP with Brenda at the Office and receive more details...

NB! Both Hikes will take place on the same day...

60th JUBILEE GALA DINNER

The Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner will take place on Friday 24 June 2022 at 7pm in the Hall. Tickets cost R300 per person, payable over 2 months. Limited seats are available, due to COVID protocols being observed. This is a Parish Celebration and not a Fundraising event – preference is given to Parishioners to purchase tickets first. Tickets are available from Tania Williams 084 410 3606. Book before it's too late!

CONDOLENCES

The Community of Sacred Heart Parish extends heartfelt condolences and assurance of prayers to the Lingeveltdt Family at the passing on of Clive. Eternal rest grant unto him, 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.