# Catholic Link

#### SYNODALITY: DISCIPLES OF THE WAY

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C Divine Office: Week III • 23 February 2025

## **Resurrection Church**

he late Archbishop Denis Hurley OMI of Durban, raised in the spirituality of the

suffering and death of Christ on the Cross, used to speak of his later "discovery" of the doctrine of the Resurrection as a conversion moment. "If Christ is not risen, then our faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14).

The opening pages of the Synod's final document read as a meditation on the Resurrection which gives life to the Church. It is worth quoting the opening paragraph in full.

Every new step in the life of the Church is a return to the source. It is a renewed experience of the disciples'

encounter with the Risen One in the Upper Room on Easter evening. Like them, during this synodal Assembly, we too felt enfolded in His mercy and drawn to His beauty. We felt His presence in our midst as we lived conversation in the Spirit and listened to one another: the presence of He, who, in bestowing the Holy Spirit, continues to build among his People a unity that establishes harmony amidst differences.

The Church is not a club with criteria for joining and rules of membership. It is not multinational commercial company, nor is it run on political or secular organisational lines. It is the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Community of Disciples. Note the final line of the above paragraph, that it is God's people brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit who established unity among differences.

Synodality is simply a celebration of unity in plurality, striving through dialogue and openness to discern what the Spirit is calling us



Noli me tangere (c.1440-1442), fresco by Fra Angelico

to be (as a community of faith) and to do (mission) in the times in which we live. Every baptised person

brings baptismal dignity and giftedness to this lofty calling. Drawing on the

Gospel Resurrection narratives, the Final Document illustrates the interdependence of disciples in the quest for unity with a wonderful example of the three original Easter morning disciples: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved. They serve as a model for what we seek in becoming a synodal church. Paragraph 12 is inspiring:

Each of them is seeking the Lord in their own way; each has his or her

own part to play in enabling the light of hope to dawn. Mary Magdalene is so driven by love that she is the first at the tomb. Alerted by her, Peter and the Beloved Disciple make their way to the tomb. The Beloved Disciple races to the tomb with all the strength of youth. He is the first to understand yet he lets Peter go first, who is the elder, entrusted with the responsibility of leading. Peter, weighed down by his renunciation of the Lord, has an appointment with mercy, the mercy which he will minister in the Church. Mary remains in the garden. She hears herself called by name. She recognises the Lord. He commissions her to proclaim his resurrection to the community of disciples. For this reason, the Church recognises her as Apostle of the Apostles. Their dependence on each other embodies the heart of synodality.

Interdependence, united by common faith in Jesus Risen, is what makes us Church.

### SUNDAY MASS

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. Let my heart rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103.

#### RESPONSE:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

- 1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. R
- 2. It is the Lord who forgives all your sins. who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion. R
- 3. The Lord is compassionate and aracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. R
- 4. As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

As a father has compassion on his children. the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49.

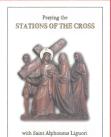
#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38. COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I will recount all your wonders. I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD Live the Word

#### Mon 24 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93; Mark 9:14-29

Jesus makes it clear to us today that the worst evils can be eradicated only through prayer. The hardships we face daily can hold us captive or they can be transformed into testimonies of God's arace.

#### Tue 25 Feb Lituraly of the Day

Sirach 2:1-11: Psalm 37: Mark 9:30-37

"The world" is not bad in itself - after all. God made it and "saw that it was good." Family, food, drink, sex, work, etc are good in themselves. The problem comes when we love those things more than we love God.

#### Wed 26 Feb (St Alexander of Alexandria, B)

Sirach 4:11-19; Psalm 119; Mark 9:38-40

'The only true life we will live in this world is the life we consent to live in relationship, messy and entangled though it might be. The only fruit worth sharing with the world is the fruit we'll produce together." - Debie Thomas

#### Thu 27 Feb (St Gregory of Narek, AbD)

Sirach 5:1-10: Psalm 1: Mark 9:41-50

The words of St Gregory call on us to reach out to God in our brokenness: "Hear the prayers of my embattled heart for mercy, when I cry out to you, 'Lord,' in my time of need."

#### Fri 28 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Sirach 6:5-17: Psalm 119: Mark 10:1-12

"Faith in God is to have confidence in Love itself. It's to have confidence in reality itself. God is revealed in all things, even through the tragic and sad, as the revolutionary doctrine of the cross reveals!"-Richard Rohr

#### Lituray of the Day Sat 1 Mar

Sirach 17:1-13: Psalm 103: Mark 10:13-16

Turn your heart to God today. Invite God into the deep places within you, those hard to reach areas, and humbly seek healing and comfort. Pray to be refined into a new creation, one that reflects God's glory.

#### Sun 2 Mar 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:4-7: Psalm 92: Luke 6:39-45

Putting on the mind of Christ means learning day by day to be transformed in all that love is asking of us in learning to be a truly awake, Christlike human being..." - James Finley

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) B=Bishop; Ab=Abbot; D=Doctor



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MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 2025					
22	Sat	18h00	RIP George Lima Da Camara RIP Sonja Janse van Rensburg 1 yr of passing For the repose of special souls & a special intention For Neil Voges as he is received into the church In Thanksgiving from Vincent and Tracy Pillay on their wedding anniversary In Thanksgiving from Gabriel&Francis Manickum		
23	Sun	09h00	RIP George Lima Da Camara RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Sonja Janse van Rensburg 1 yr of passing		
		18h00	For the repose of special souls and a special intention		
24	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE RIP Luis Pereira For a special intention and repose of special souls		
25	Tues	18h00	For the repose of special souls & a special intention		
26	Wed	18h00	RIP Henry Mashungwa & Justinah Mashungwa For the repose of special souls & a special intention		
27	Thu	18h00	For the repose of special souls & a special intention		
28	Fri	18h00	For the repose of special souls & a special intention		

#### PANCAKE SALE:

Please help: We are looking for hand beaters, mixing bowls, soup ladle spoons, pans, and packaging for the Pancake Sale next Saturday and Sunday. *PLEASE MARK CLEARLY* and put at the back of the church or take to the parish office by Friday 28 February.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE.

#### PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME BACK FATHER DANIEL: Fr Daniel has safely returned and will resume office duties on Tuesday. ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: The Ash Wednesday Masses are on the 5th of March at 06H00 . 08h00 (School Mass), 12h00 and 18h00 in the church. CATECHISM GRADE 11 RETREAT: Let us keep our Grade 11 catechism class in our prayers this weekend as they participate in their retreat at Ha Phororo Youth Retreat. The theme for their retreat is "Pilgrims of Hope", reminding us of the journey of faith and the strength we find in hope. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this a memorable and meaningful experience for our young pilgrims. "Hope does not disappoint." - Romans 5:5 WEDDINGS: All those wishing to get religiously married must please contact the parish priest at least 6 months before the date of the wedding for the marriage preparation courses to be completed. CTK PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE. We are thrilled by your interest. Please confirm bookings before the end of this month to secure an unforgettable spiritual encounter. We are excited to share more details. Contact Sheila 0616198308 or Sonia 0826725948. MAINTENANCE TEAM: We are looking to put up fencing around the church for better security. If any family would be interested in donating a 3m stretch of Clear Vu fencing, a quote has been obtained. For price enquiries please contact the parish office. Should you wish to make a donation into the church account please use Clear VU as the reference. SOUTHERN CROSS. Fr. Daniel will be featured in the March copy. Please place an order in the repository so that everyone can receive a copy. RCIA: The 2025/2026 class will be starting after Easter. For all those interested in attending the classes the forms are on the parish webpage. Please download the form, fill it in and submit it with the proof of payment to secretary@christking.org.za REPOSITORY NEW HOURS. The repository is open every Sunday between 7.15am and 9.45am and for 30mins after the 10am Mass Please pop in, there is something for everyone. The repository will have additional hours on the 1st weekend of every month.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Friday 17h00 to o18h00, Saturday 17h00 to 18h00 and Sunday 07h 15 to 09h45 & 30 minutes after 10h00 Mass and again from 17h00 till 18h00.

Enid de Beer, Veronica Wheater, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Venancio Ruguwa, Moira Lottering, Germaine Lovric, Yvonne Penney, Pieter Du Pokoy, Ben de Beer, Cecilia Forbes, Enita Davies, Kenneth Khatide, Elsa Stroh and Miriam Marais.

Please send details to secretary@christking.org.za

#### PARISH FINANCES

**TITHING.** There are Tithe application sheets in the front of the church please fill one in and either drop it in the slot or email to

finance@christking.org.za We encourage you to tithe to support the parish and its many projects that are underway.

Thank you to everyone who currently supports the works of the church.

Please continue to support our Parish via the banking details or the attached

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

22 Feb: Ms Louise Hawkesworth

23 Feb: Mr Francis Manickum, Mr Peter Arendse, Ms

Kate Holiday

**24 Feb**: Mr Hilio De Nobrega, Mr Ivo Fernandes, Mrs Caroline Meja, Ms Claire Wagner, Ms Julien Buys

25 Feb: Ms Eunice Taylor 26 Feb: Mr Ricky Gomes 27 Feb: Mrs Dalene de Freitas

28 Feb: Mr Juan Nel, Mrs Jennifer Dreyer, Ms Clare

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(Please inform the Parish Secretary at 012-333 4738 to update your particulars, if needed).

#### CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2025

Feb 1: Catechist Retreat

Commissioning of Catechists

Feb 6: First Class of High School candidates

Feb 7: Worsrolletjie Sale (postponed)

Feb 8: Bereavement Course starts

Feb 9: Cookie Fundraiser for Valentine's Day First Class of Junior School Candidates

Feb 20: Feast of St Jacinta & Francisco Marto

Feb 21 - 23: Grade 11 camp

Feb 22: Eastern Deanery Pastoral Council Mtg

Feb 27: Golden Gathering / Bible Study (postponed)

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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For any appointments with Fr. Daniel, please contact Angela, she manages Fr. Daniel's calendar.

#### **University Chaplain:**

Fr Charles Mundia 071 364 0150 Email: cmundia@gmail.com

#### **HUMANITAS**

#### CARITAS: CTK OUTREACH:

We provide food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate.

We support various homes for both adults and chil-

dren.

Should you have items that you wish to donate, these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends.

We have in recent weeks provided more than 75 bags of family clothing to Holy Cross, Christ Crisis centre, St Camilla's and the Salvation Army due to your continued support.

Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause our banking details are:

Christ the King Catholic Church Queenswood;

Standard bank, Cheque account.

Account number 011182709,

Branch code 000145.

All donations are gratefully accepted. Thank you.

**PARISH BOOK OF TALENTS:** Would you like to showcase your company/service in the parish's Book of Talents? *Details for the advertisement:* No more than 300 words, you may include a logo or picture to accompany your advertisement.

Watch the space for submission details.



# **DEDICATION / TITHE**

After prayerful consideration, I would like to be included as a Dedication / Tithe Contributor.

Once completed, please email to <a href="mailto:Finance@christking.org.za">Finance@christking.org.za</a> or leave at the **Parish**Office during office hours.

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	Your dedication number will be emailed, sms'd or phoned through to	to you.		
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	Monthly to the works of the Church			
	O Annually to the works of the Church			
	O I will do this by EFT into the Parish Tithe Account			
	O I would like to give cash in an envelope			
	O Please contact me to make a Bequest to the church in my Testament	Last Will and		
Signed:	·			
Date: _				

Thank you for your kind contribution.