

Hodegetria: Mary Shows the Way

Today, *Catholic Link* presents its final reflection on synodality. Do we hear some readers breathing a sigh of relief? Fair enough, it might not be the most stimulating topic, but, as we have tried to point out, it is vital to the way we experience ourselves as members of the Church in the years and decades to come.

One of the striking aspects of the Synod is the emphasis it puts on transparency and accountability. Accountability has never been spelled out with such clarity as it has in the final document. Prompted by the sex abuse crisis in the Church, accountability with respect to the protection of young people has become a central tenet today. Close behind it is financial accountability. But the Synod goes beyond that when it adds that there has to be accountability at *all* levels of pastoral action in the parish or diocese, for the simple reason that Church life is no longer the private concern of ordained pastors. It belongs to the people as a whole.

The final document constantly emphasises the importance of discernment by a group of people who represent the community, such as the Parish Pastoral Council, asking what the major pastoral issues of the parish are. And when the Holy Spirit leads them to a clear insight or conclusion (for example, the need for more focused youth ministry), then the pastor makes a commitment in light of the group's discernment. Carrying out the decision is also part of accountability. This is something Pope Francis has consistently drawn attention to in his criticism of the type of clericalism which shuns accountability.

Commenting on the final document, Cardinal McElroy, a leading figure in planning the Synod, says that this all means that the people of the parish have a right to question their pastors

for failing to follow through on pastoral priorities or for doing things in a contrary way. This is confirmed by paragraph 91 of the document which states that if those in authority, such as a bishop or parish priest, engage in consultation, then they cannot simply dismiss the conclusions of that consultation at will, without providing a compelling reason for doing so.

Drawing its deliberations to a conclusion, the document ends:

The salvation to be received and proclaimed is inherently relational. We live it and witness to it together.... The ultimate meaning of synodality is the witness that the Church is called to give to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the harmony of love that pours Himself

out, to give Himself to the world. We can live the communion that saves by walking in a synodal way.

And the final word is dedicated to Mary:

We entrust the results of this Synod to the Virgin Mary, who bears the splendid title of *Hodegetria*, (which translates from the Greek to "She who shows and guides the way"). May Mary, Mother of the Church, who in the Upper Room helped the newly formed community of disciples to open themselves to the novelty of Pentecost, teach us to be a people of disciples and missionaries walking together, to be a synodal Church.



Virgin Hodegetria, Rome, c. 500–525, the oldest known example of an Icon of The Way, in the Benedictine monastery attached to the Church of St Francesca in the Roman Forum

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:4-7.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 92.

RESPONSE:

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. **R**
3. They will still bear fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is upright. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. You will shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 3 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Sirach 17:24-29; Psalm 32; Mark 10:17-27

"The journey of life is a sacred journey, but we don't know that when we're younger ... because we don't know for certain where we came from, and we don't know for certain where we're going..." – Barbara Holmes

Tue 4 Mar (St Casimir)

Sirach 35:1-12; Psalm 50; Mark 10:28-31

For Prince Casimir of Poland nothing was more pleasant and desirable, than to share his belongings and to give his entire self to Christ's poor, to strangers, to the sick, to those in captivity and all who suffer.

Wed 5 Mar ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; Mathew 6:1-6.16-18

Make Lent a time to break the cycle of focusing on ourselves and other people's opinions of us. Offer yourself to God alone. Commit yourself to turning your life around to a new direction of love and service.

Thu 6 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9:22-25

Lenten fasting must go beyond the mere giving up of favourite foods and drink. Our fasting needs to affect the lives of other people for the better. Commit yourself to finding creative ways of doing this.

Fri 7 Mar (Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Ms)

Isaiah 58:1-9; Psalm 51; Matthew 9:14-15

'Do you see this vessel – water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' Perpetua's father replied. 'So also cannot call myself by any other name than what I am – a Christian.'

Sat 8 Mar (St John of God, R)

Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 86; Luke 5:27-32

Behind John of God's outward acts of total concern and love for the sick and poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. The Brothers Hospitallers is now a worldwide religious order.

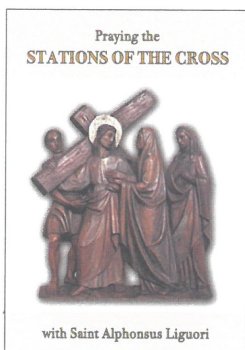
Sun 9 Mar 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Luke 4:1-13

Lent is a time when we can take a long look inside ourselves and diagnose where we are spiritually lacking, in order to find a way to a remedy it correctly. Where is the spirit of Jesus lacking in your life?

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) Ms=Martyrs; R=Religious

By popular demand, with all stock of the previous edition sold out, RPP has published a new and revised edition of the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. It is available now, in time for Lent 2025, and for the Jubilee Holy Year.



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MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 2025

01	Sat	18h00	For the repose of special souls and a special intention For the recovery of Fr Craigh
02	Sun	08h00	RIP Armindo F Da Silva 20th anniversary of passing RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho For the recovery of Fr Craigh
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega For the recovery of Fr Craigh
		18h00	For the repose of special souls and a special intention For the recovery of Fr Craigh
03	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE For the repose of special souls and a special intention
04	Tues	18h00	RIP Augusta Moutinho 3rd yr death anniversary For the repose of special souls and a special intention
05	Wed	06h00	ASH WEDNESDAY In thanksgiving - Shelia Houghton and family
		08h00	ASH WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS
		12h00	ASH WEDNESDAY
		18h00	ASH WEDNESDAY For the repose of special souls and a special intention
06	Thu	18h00	For the repose of special souls and a special intention
07	Fri	18h00	In thanksgiving for all blessings and mercy received

PARISH NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: The Ash Wednesday Masses are on the 5th of March at 06h00, 08h00 (School Mass), 12h00 and 18h00 in the church. Mass will be held every morning during Lent at 06h00 from the 6th of March till the 15th of April.

SECOND COLLECTION LENTEN APPEAL: The Bishops Lenten Appeal 2nd Collection will start on the 9th of March and run through till the 13th of April. Please give generously.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: We would like to erect 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, please contact the parish office. If you wish to make a donation into the church account for this purpose, please use **Clear VU** as the reference.

SOUTHERN CROSS: Fr. Daniel is featured in The March copy of the Southern Cross. Please get your March copy at the repository.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: There will be a penitential service on the 11th of April starting with Stations of the Cross at 17h00 and the service will start at 17h30 with confessions at 18h00.

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 in time.

RCIA: The 2025/2026 class will be starting after Easter. For all those interested in attending the classes the link is on the parish webpage. Please download the link, fill in the required information and then submit 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. Friday 17h00 to 018h00, Saturday 17h00 to 18h00 and Sunday 07h 15 to 09h45 & 30 minutes after 10h00 Mass and again from 17h00 till 18h00**

PARISH AGM: This will be held on the 30th March 2025 in the Denis Adami Hall after the 10h00 Mass. All are invited to attend. The copies of the Financials will be available on request. Please come and contribute to the planning in the parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Enid de Beer, Veronica Wheeler, 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 Tithing 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

Snapscan code

Banking details:

Christ the King Catholic Church

Standard Bank Branch 051001

Main Account No. 011564733

Tithing Account No. 011181230

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Scan the SnapCode to complete the payment.



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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 children.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



01 March: Mr Hermanus Visagie, Ms Dianne Creighton, Ms Laetitia Abouchabki

03 March: Mr Kerys Trathen, Mr Nicholas Human, Mr Willy Segaar

04 March: Mr Ulrich Wagner, Ms Michelle Banney

05 March: Mr Marco Ferreira, Mr Tongesai Kunaka

06 March: Mr Herman Barlow, Mr Karl Dahlen

07 March: Mr Ashley Da Silva, Mr Kevin Roome

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

CALENDAR - MARCH 2025

- March 1&2** Pancake Sales
- March 5** Ash Wednesday
- March 8-9** Jubilee of the World of Volunteering
- March 7** Stations of the Cross Gr11 & 10
- March 14** Stations of the Cross Gr 8 & 9
- March 21** Stations of the Cross Gr 3 & 4
- March 28** 24 Hours of the Lord
Stations of the Cross Gr 6 & 7
Schools close

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 Finance@christking.org.za or leave at the **Parish Office** during office hours.

SURNAME: _____

NAME: _____

CELLPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Your dedication number will be emailed, sms'd or phoned through to you.

I have decided that I can dedicate R_____

- Monthly to the works of the Church
- Annually to the works of the Church
- I will do this by EFT into the Parish Tithe Account
- I would like to give cash in an envelope
- Please contact me to make a Bequest to the church in my Last Will and Testament

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your kind contribution.