

Pilgrims of Hope



For two millennia Christians have seen the Old Testament exodus event as a metaphor for the Church on her journey to the "Promised Land" of the Reign of God – the Church as "pilgrims of hope", as our current Jubilee Year motto proclaims. The surface story of the Exodus is well known, but it requires deeper levels of Christian interpretation and application.

Joseph is sold into Egypt as a slave. Gifted by God with wisdom, he becomes the Pharaoh's "PA", a position that would enable him to welcome his family, including his father, as refugees from famine. And so, the Israelites make Egypt their home. But before long, they are a threat to Egypt and are forced into slavery. Here we must pause our story, for we've arrived at a metaphor: slavery.

Enslavement is one of the blights of humanity. It describes loss of freedom accompanied by oppression. Interpreting the term metaphorically, movements like Alcoholics Anonymous describe addiction as a form of enslavement. So too is the inherent sinfulness of human beings. Hebrews 2:15 speaks of our "lifelong slavery" to sin. Romans 8:15 mentions the "spirit of slavery", and Galatians 5:1 says that we are under the "yoke of slavery".

Pope Francis picks up on this in his Lenten reflections. He points to the irony of the Israelites embracing liberation from Egypt, yet on their desert journey still clinging to Egypt, longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses. Applying the desert metaphor to our spiritual journey, Pope Francis goes on

to say that today too, we – God's people – can cling to oppressive bondage.

We realise how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of Hosea – the place of our first love (Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people, enabling us to leave our slavery behind, to experience a Passover from death to life.

What we should never forget about the exodus story is God's initiative. God meets with Moses and offers him a job (to put it mildly). God tells Moses that he has seen the suffering of his people in their slavery, and that he is moved to set them free. The initiative was never that of Israel. There is no record of their appealing to God to come and do something about their plight. It all begins in God's compassionate love for his people. God desires their freedom. He puts a plan in motion, starting with his commission to Moses to "set my people free".

What of our slaveries? To our addictions, to our egos, to habits of sin? Do I seek something new? Do I yearn for inner freedom? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? Am I ready to step out – with my fellow travelers of faith – towards God's promise, not of some real estate in the Middle East, but God's kingdom which Jesus himself describes as "not of this world." But to take the first step requires hope. How appropriate that the Jubilee Year describes us as pilgrims of hope!



SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 91.

RESPONSE:

Be with me, O Lord, when I am in distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, and abides in the shade of the Almighty, says to the Lord, 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach your tent. For you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways. **R**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread, and trample the young lion and the serpent. **R**
4. Since he clings to me in love, I will free him, protect him, for he knows my name. When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him, and give him glory. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 10 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Leviticus 19:1-2.11-18; Psalm 19; Matthew 25:31-46

In the end, all that really matters to God is that we have cared lovingly for those in need. This is what separates the sheep from the goats. We will be judged on how much we have loved – or not loved.

Tue 11 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:7-15

Jesus kept company with the poor and the socially unacceptable. If we want his life to teach us how to live we ought to follow his example. Spend some time this week helping those in need.

Wed 12 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51; Luke 11:29-32

Many people still expect God to magically cure their illnesses. How can we grow or experience interior transformation if we don't enter into our struggles. Trust God to lead you through this process.

Thu 13 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Esther 14:1.3-4.11.13-14; Psalm 138; Matthew 7:7-12

Forgiving one's enemies is one of the most difficult things to do. Perhaps take some time today to read the book of Jonah. It'll only take about 10 minutes. It is good 'enemy loving' therapy.

Fri 14 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130; Matthew 5:20-26

We all begin Lent with good intentions of prayer and penance but, as always, these good intentions seem to wane. God calls us to faithfulness, committing to renewing our intentions each day.

Sat 15 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:43-48

The ultimate goal to which God is guiding each one of us is to union with God, other people, and all of creation. However, we have to play our part, committing ourselves to prayer and action each day.

Sun 16 Mar 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12.17-18; Psalm 27; Luke 9:28-36

Do not look for God only in the good things of life. Focus also on the unwanted, the uncomfortable, and the unexpected for God's healing grace and loving presence is everywhere.

KEY: **SOLEMNITY;** FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)

Fr Cyril Axelrod has done it again – he has written another book! Undaunted by being Deafblind, having already written an autobiography and a sequel, he now reflects prayerfully on his Jewish origins and spirituality, bringing these into harmony with his Christian faith. This book is an inspiration to all.

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MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 2025

08	Sat	06h00	For families in crisis
		18h00	For Jubilee Year 2025
09	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho Happy heavenly birthday Augusta Moutinho Herminio Matos Rodrigues
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega In thanksgiving to Saint Alexandrina for her graces
		18h00	RIP Ruth Heslop
10	Mon	06h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
		18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
11	Tues	06h00	RIP Brenda Tifflin
		18h00	RIP Brenda Tifflin
12	Wed	06h00	RIP Wally Bruton
		18h00	RIP Mona Vest
13	Thu	06h00	For a special intention for Jason, Jarrad, Justin and Hannah
		18h00	For a special intention for Chantelle whose looking for employment
14	Fri	06h00	In thanksgiving for prayers answered - Linda
		18h00	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

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

We would appreciate an update every 2nd month as to whether they stay on the list or if they are well enough to be removed.

Should you wish to add a loved one to our sick list please send their details to secretary@christking.org.za

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PANCAKE DAY! A

heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who supported the Pancake Day event. With enthusiastic participation, over 600 pancakes were sold across four Masses. After covering all expenses, the event generated a net profit of R6,084.10. The generosity and support of the parish community made this such a huge success. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way!

PASCHAL MEAL 2025: The Paschal meal will be held on the 16th of April. It will start at 18h30. The tickets are R200 a ticket. Tickets will go on sale next weekend after all the Masses, tickets can also be purchased at the parish office. Please bring your own picnic baskets, wine glasses and cutlery.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: We are looking to put up fencing around the church for better security. We would like to know 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.

WEDDINGS: All those wishing to get religiously married must 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 on the 6th May at 18h00 in the Adami centre. 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 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 18h00, Saturday 17h00 to 18h00 and Sunday 07h15 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 10h00 Mass. All are invited to attend. The copies of the Financials will be available on request.

MORNING MASSES DURING LENT: There will be a 6am morning, and 6pm evening Mass from Monday to Saturday during Lent. The last 6am morning Mass will be on the 15th April. All are welcome to attend.

Please note that **THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS at 8am ON THE 21ST OF MARCH THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY followed immediately by the Stations of the cross.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: There will be Stations of the Cross after the 18h00 Mass on all Fridays, except 21 March (public holiday) and 11 April when the Stations of the Cross is at 17h00, followed by the Penitential Service and then opportunities for private confession. There will be 8 priests available.

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



08 March: Mrs Janet Coetzer

09 March: Mr Ricky de Sousa, Ms Nikola Plisic

10 March: Mr Ronald Sutherland, Prof Zanetta Jansen

11 March: Mr Timikah Naidoo

12 March: Mr Oilver Seale, Mr

Wilbertus Bosma, Mrs Hermina Bohm, Ms Jacqueline Ndelu, Ms Kgothatso Maleka

13 March: Mr Zoneenah Maphosa, Mrs Diana Batty, Ms Therese Koot

(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 Gr 11 & 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.