

Hope Crossing the Red Sea

Free at last!", the people of Israel must have felt as they left Egypt. Within three days they arrived at the sea. Imagine their consternation as they see that stretch of water and wonder how they were going to cross to the other side. But while they were pondering the obstacle ahead, they did not see trouble coming from behind: Pharaoh sent his army after them, regretting that he had let them go. When the Israelites eventually saw their pursuers, they were afraid and cried out to God to save them. But Moses reassures them, "Do not be afraid. Stand still and see how God will save you. The Egyptians you see today, you will never see again."

Then God told Moses, "Lift up your rod over the sea and divide it. The people will cross over on dry ground through the sea." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. God caused the sea to divide. Soon there was a path of dry ground all the way across to the other side. The Israelites took the gap.

Pharaoh's army followed, trying to catch up with the people of Israel. But their chariots became stuck and while they were working on a solution, the sea water returned to its full depth, destroying the Egyptian army. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang a song of praise – a song used to this day in the Church's Easter vigil liturgy: "I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph! The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation!" (Exodus 15). Now they could say "free at last!"

The crossing of the Red Sea is one of the powerful symbols in the Christian imagination. It speaks to the glory of the resurrection, God's ultimate triumph. Its memory is invoked in the

blessing of baptismal water: "Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of your holy people, set free from sin by baptism."

Ja never no fine. Pope Francis, more solemnly, articulates that colloquial expression of reservation when he says: "True, baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery, a kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom." This applies to every sphere of life, but perhaps nowhere more urgently than in our care for Mother Earth, our common home. Pope Francis

cautions us not to hanker for the imagined securities of the past that can only divide and rob us of a future. The crossing of the Red Sea marks a clear break with the past. There is no going back. Likewise, the waters of baptism are a liberation from our multiple slaveries, yet at the same time our passport to a new future as "pilgrims of hope" (to use the Holy Year theme). However, it is not a "future" idly waiting for us to just pitch up. It is a future which we have to work at, not least by cleaning up the environmental pollution that our polluted souls have caused. Blessing the Easter water we pray: "Cleanse us from sin in a new birth of innocence."



The Passage of the Red Sea Manuscript by Toros Roslin, 1266

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken. Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27.

RESPONSE:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face'. **R**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R**
4. I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 17 Mar (St Patrick, B)

Daniel 9:4-10; Psalm 79; Luke 6:36-38

What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. His labours were vast, and the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work.

Tue 18 Mar (St Cyril of Jerusalem, BD)

Isaiah 1:10.16-20; Psalm 50; Matthew 23:1-12

We deeply desire that God shows us mercy, understanding, generosity and forgiveness. And God does this all the time. Why, then, do we have such a time extending the same towards other people?

Wed 19 Mar ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

2 Samuel 7:4-5.12-14.16; Psalm 89; Luke 2:41-51

Joseph, the just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God – in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding them to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the years of quiet faith and courage.

Thu 20 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 16:19-31

Many of us are rich in good health, faith, friendship, etc. However, we are often very quick to complain when things go wrong. Each day, think of three things to be grateful for – and give thanks to God.

Fri 21 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Gen 37:3-4.12-13.17-28; Psalm 105; Mt 21:33-43.45-46

We are all so busy with our own work and plans and the busyness of life. How can I listen for God's voice in the midst of all this? Commit to finding moments of quietness and stillness each day.

Sat 22 Mar Liturgy of the Day

Micah 7:14-15.18-20; Psalm 103; Luke 15:1-3.11-32

All three of our readings today speak to us of God's boundless forgiveness. Jesus wants us to know that God's mercy is boundless, but he also wants us to practice it with similar generosity.

Sun 23 Mar 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15; Psalm 103; Luke 13:1-9

Confession need not be merely a reciting of a list of sins, but an intimate encounter with Jesus. In preparing, ask God for the grace to know what jeopardises your relationship with him.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 2025

15	Sat	06h00	RIP Manuel Rodrigues Achada For all the holy souls in purgatory Special intentions for Lisa-Anne King
		18h00	
16	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho Hermínio Matos Rodrigues Happy heavenly birthday Clara Mundackal Asking for the Lords Help in a matter
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Manuel Rodrigues Achada In thanksgiving to Our Lady for her grace
		18h00	For special healing for Cameron Schäfer Special intentions for Lisa-Anne King For a special intention
17	Mon	06h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
		18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE: Special intentions for Lisa-Anne King
18	Tues	06h00	For special healing for Cameron Schäfer Special intentions for Lisa-Anne King Asking for Blessings for the De Olim family
		18h00	RIP Manuel Rodrigues Achada Special intention St Anthony
19	Wed	06h00	For special healing for Cameron Schäfer Special intentions for Lisa-Anne King
		18h00	RIP Manuel Rodrigues Achada
20	Thu	06h00	For special healing for Cameron Schäfer Special intentions for Lisa-Anne King
		18h00	RIP Manuel Rodrigues Achada
14	Fri	08h00	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Mass and Stations of the cross

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, Cecilia
Forbes, Enita Davies, Kenneth Khatide, Elsa Stroh
and Miriam Marais.

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

PARISH NOTICES

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE! Last night, our new vibrant Youth Group leaders wowed the Executive of the PPC with an exciting presentation on what they will be doing starting soon. They will be gathering on the first and last Friday of every month. Stay tuned—more details and fun plans are on the way!

LENTEN TALK: There will be a Lenten talk by Bishop Selemela on the 20th of March during the 18h00 Mass.

LITURGY: We are looking to train new Sacristans, Proclaimers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion.

For more information kindly WhatsApp Ashley on 0824575214 with your name and contact information.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD: We invite you to come join the Jubilee prayer focus on **Friday the 28 March at 18h00**. The theme is: **"You are my hope"** (Psalm 71: 5). It combines the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We open with the Mass followed by stations of the cross and then the Examination of Conscience and we conclude with the 18h00 Mass on Saturday 29th March. Confessions on Saturday from 16h00.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: We plan to install fencing for church security. If any family would like to donate a 3m Clear Vu fence, please contact the parish office for prices. Use **"Clear Vu"** when donating.

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.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of each month (except Lent). Please contact the office to schedule an appointment with Fr. A class with parents and godparents will be held and next month's date will be set.

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 are on sale this weekend after all the Masses. Tickets can also be purchased at the parish office. Please bring your own picnic baskets, wine glasses and cutlery.

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 please download the link on the parish website, fill in 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. **The repository will have additional hours on the 1st weekend of every month. Friday and Saturday from 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 MASS DURING LENT:

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

THERE WILL ONLY BE 1 MASS at 8am ON THE 21ST OF MARCH, THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY, followed immediately by the Stations of the cross.

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.

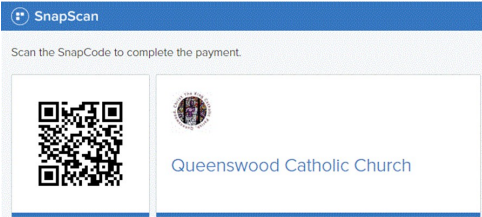
Thank you to everyone who currently supports the works of the church.

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

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Christ the King Catholic Church
Standard Bank Branch 051001
Main Account No. 011564733
Titheing Account No. 011181230

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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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



15 March: Mrs Hester Wiehe, Ms Ntokozo Khwane

16 March: Miss Kesaobaka Thage, Ms Genevieve Dahlen

17 March: Mr Colin Abouchabki

18 March: Mr Ashley Heslop, Mrs Ruth Mugeyi, Ms Mokgethi Ramogale, Ms Natalie Louw

19 March: Mr Michael da Silva De Nobrega, Mr Tshkelo Matlhekethla

20 March: Mr Leslie Philip

21 March: Mr Luchas Steenkamp

(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 20** Lenten Talk
- March 21** Stations of the Cross Gr 3 & 4
- March 28** **24 Hours of the Lord**
Stations of the Cross Gr 6 & 7



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.