

St Bonaventure OFM

As we continue our *Link* series on keeping watchful faith in lives immersed in a world of multiple ideas, we seek to learn from the experiences of our Christian forebears. Today we welcome the company of Saint Bonaventure (1221–1274), a leading Franciscan theologian of the thirteenth century. St Bonaventure teaches us about the possibility of holding in holy and harmonious tension different schools of thought within the Church itself. A contemporary of St Thomas Aquinas, they differed in ways of approaching theological matters. Unity in diversity!

St Bonaventure developed his thought in the context of a changing intellectual climate, called “scholasticism”. A previous *Link* article mentioned how works of Aristotle became available through Islamic commentators. But scholasticism also evolved through the rise of autonomous philosophical inquiry at institutions like the University of Paris. This is something Pope Benedict XVI explained in one of his catecheses at the Sunday Angelus in St Peter’s Square. At the one of March 17, 2010, he stated that Bonaventure’s theology emerged within a “fruitful dialogue between faith and reason,” yet it was also a decisive response to secularizing tendencies that threatened the unity of Christian truth. Bonaventure rejected a school of thought that emphasized the autonomy of philosophy from theology. He demonstrated that theology could hold its own with philosophy, rejecting the notion of “double truth,” whereby something could be philosophically true but theologically false. For him, truth is indivisible. Bonaventure, for example, held to Catholic teaching on individual moral responsibility as being compatible with many philosophical principles of ethics.

In contrast to intellectual autonomy, not unlike Pelagius’s “go it alone” theory, Bonaventure aligned himself with the Augustinian tra-

dition, which emphasized divine grace and the soul’s ascent to God. Bonaventure sought to subject scholastic philosophy to a higher theological vision. As Pope Benedict XVI notes in his Angelus catechesis, Bonaventure defended theology as a rational discipline while insisting that its true motivation is love: “One who loves wants to know the beloved better.” This insight is crucial for understanding how Bonaventure challenged secular thought – not by abandoning reason, but by reorienting it toward its proper end in God.

With our modern experience of travel, I ask, why not translate the famous book by St Bonaventure, *Itinerarium Mentis in Deum* (The Soul’s Journey into God) to “The Soul’s Itinerary to God”. This would honour the different “stop off” points Bonaventure foresaw: all genuine knowledge ultimately derives from and points toward God, all created things reflect divine ideas and depend continuously on God’s sustaining will. Like his spiritual father, St Francis of Assisi, Bonaventure promoted a love for creation as a powerful way to learn about God.

Pope Benedict also pointed out how Bonaventure put distinctive emphasis on the primacy of love over mere knowledge. While his contemporary, Thomas Aquinas, emphasized the intellectual vision of God, Bonaventure stressed the transformative power of love which leads to union with God. In this way, Bonaventure countered the “cold rationalism” of secular philosophy and proposed a “sapiential” theology that integrates knowledge within a higher wisdom. For him, reason is not rejected but transcended, finding its fulfilment in love.

Saint Bonaventure, who preserved the integrity of Christian doctrine while engaging constructively with the intellectual challenges of your era, pray for us!



17th-century portrait of St Bonaventure by French painter and friar Claude François

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 65.

RESPONSE:

The seed that fell into good soil yielded a hundredfold.

1. You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. **R**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R**
3. You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows. **R**
4. The hills are girded with joy.
The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, and the sower is Christ; all who find him will abide for ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 13 Jul (St Henry)

Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Gandhi taught 'become the change you wish to see in the world'. If we wish to see more caring and more justice, we must learn to care, and to act. We are God's hands and voice in our world.

Tue 14 Jul (St Camillus de Lellis, Pr)

Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 48; Matthew 11:20-24

St Camillus de Lellis (1550-1614) is the patron saint of nurses and the sick. He said that "the poor and sick are the 'Heart of God' and that serving them is serving Christ directly.

Wed 15 Jul St Bonaventure, BD

Isaiah 10:5-7.13-16; Psalm 94; Matthew 11:25-27

St Bonaventure (1221-1274), a Franciscan theologian, said that true wisdom lies in loving God rather than just knowing about Him, emphasizing that "a constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue".

Thu 16 Jul (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

Isaiah 26:7-9.12.16-19; Psalm 102; Matthew 11:28-30
Prayer to our Lady of Mount Carmel: "O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity".

Fri 17 Jul Liturgy of the Day

Isaiah 38:1-6.21-22.7-8; Isaiah 38:10-12.16; Matt 12:1-8
Tears can be regarded as a blessing and a grace. They water the soul, and help the heart's cry to be heard. Allow God to see your tears – and to hear your heartfelt prayer.

Sat 18 Jul Liturgy of the Day

Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 10; Matthew 12:14-21
During prayer we listen with the 'ears of the heart.' This listening invites a certain humility, and becoming attuned to voices other than one's own – learning from them and being transformed by them.

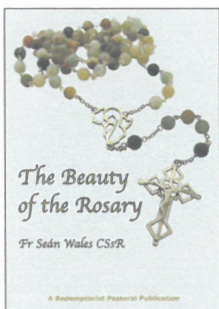
Sun 19 Jul 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 12:13.16-19; Psalm 86; Matthew 13:24-43
"The earth was entrusted to us in order that it be mother for us, capable of giving to each one what is necessary to live ... (It) is generous and holds nothing back from those who safeguard it." – Pope Francis

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

A new and revised edition of this popular bestseller in which the author discusses the origin, structure and nature of this ancient form of christian prayer, the Rosary. There are several new additions to the book, including a chapter on praying the Pilgrim's rosary.

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MASS INTENTIONS JULY 2026

11	Sat	17h00	RIP Dominic Drabile Special intention for Cameron
12	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Maria dos Reis & Jose Ferreira RIP Dominic Drabile Rip Paolino Venturi Ruben birthday blessings Special intention- Vocation discernment
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Dominic Drabile RIP Nicholas Chetty RIP Souls in Purgatory RIP Jake Jadrijevič RIP Kathy Ash RIP Horacia Andrade Thanksgiving for Marina and David
		17h00	Special intention for Cameron
13	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE RIP Dominic Drabile Special intention for Cameron
14	Tues	18h00	RIP Mahesh Cherian Syr anniversary RIP Dominic Drabile Thanking God for his love Special intention for Cameron
15	Wed	18h00	RIP Dominic Drabile Special intention for Cameron
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17	Fri	18h00	RIP Dominic Drabile Special intention for Cameron

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Francis Manickum, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Leo Vest, Jabulile Mashile, Pat Vosloo and Jean Loudon

PARISH NOTICES

ARCHDIOCESE FUNDRAISER

Each family is kindly requested to contribute R300 toward the Archdiocese Fundraiser using ref ARCH FUND.

NGOME TRIP SEPTEMBER 2026:

We would like to remind everyone that there are only two weeks left to book your seat on the bus for the Ngome Pilgrimage, taking place over the weekend of 18–20 September 2026.

Trip Details:

- Departure: Friday, 18 September 2026, at 05h00 from the Parish.
- Return: Sunday, 20 September 2026, arriving back at the Parish in the late afternoon.
- Cost: R2,200.00 per person.

All payments must be made into the main parish account (Account No. 011564733) using the reference "Ngome" followed by your name.

Please email your proof of payment to secretary@christking.org.za.

Important: All payments must be received by 31 July 2026 to enable the bus booking to be confirmed.

Kindly retain copies of all proof of payment for reconciliation purposes.

We look forward to sharing this blessed pilgrimage with you.

LADIES RETREAT

We will be having a Ladies retreat on Sunday the 19th of July. The day will start at 09h15 after the 08h00 Mass.

Please bring along a bible, a notebook and a pen, a light lunch for yourself and some water.

We kindly request that you bring along a small donation that we can give to the school for the use of the premises.

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL THURSDAY 16TH JULY

The celebration will start with Evening prayer at 17h15, then rosary at 17h30 followed by Mass at 18h00.

Please bring along a Brown scapular (available in the repository).

BAPTISMS:

Our next Baptism will take place on **1st August** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Parents wishing to have their children baptized are kindly requested to contact the parish office to schedule an appointment with Fr Daniel.

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe, please fill in the form in the box.

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

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Christ the King Catholic Church

Queenswood: Standard bank, Cheque account, Account number 011182709, Branch code 000145

SYNODAL NEWS

SYNODAL JOURNEY

Why Do We Listen?

Listening is at the heart of the Synodal process. True listening means hearing not only words but also the hopes, concerns, and experiences of others. Through listening, we make space for the Holy Spirit to speak.

Conversation in the Spirit

A key Synodal practice is called conversation in the Spirit.

Participants listen prayerfully, reflect deeply, and speak honestly. The goal is not to debate or win an argument, but to discern God's voice together.

On Participation

"The participation of everyone, guided by the Holy Spirit."

On the Nature of the Church

"Synodality is an expression of the Church's nature, her form, style and mission."