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Consensus

Last week's *Link* devoted itself to what Pope Francis had to say about dialogue. This week we examine the notion of consensus as the purpose of dialogue, and what the pope sees as its foundation.

He begins with a question: "Is it possible to seek the truth that responds to life's deepest meaning?" Clearly for him, truth is not something superficial. It goes to the heart of things, and for him that "heart" is the dignity and worth of every human being created in the image and likeness of God. This leads the pope to assert: "If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth."

Rigorous search for the truth is hard work. One of the tasks, says Pope Francis, is to learn how to unmask the various ways that the truth is manipulated, distorted and concealed. What we call "truth" is not only the reporting of facts and events, the sort of things we find in the daily papers. What we must not lose sight of are the deeper truths that are unchanging, as true now as in the past. True to the Catholic tradition on the natural law, Pope Francis affirms that "reason discovers universal values derived from nature."

What is happening these days, Pope Francis fears, is a "barren" way of thinking. As he sees it, good and evil no longer exist in themselves; there is only a calculus of benefits and burdens. Everything is "levelled down" where, in the end, the law of the strongest prevails.

And so, Pope Francis returns to his call to genuine dialogue involving all stakeholders, not just the powerful.

In a pluralistic society, dialogue is the

best way to realize what ought always to be affirmed and respected. Such dialogue needs to be enriched and illumined by clear thinking, rational arguments, a variety of perspectives and the contribution of different fields of knowledge and points of view.

Pope Francis advocates the need to develop dialogue as a new global "culture". He writes: "I have frequently called for the growth of a culture of encounter capable of transcending our differences and divisions. This means working to create a many-faceted polyhedron whose different sides form a variegated unity, in which the whole is greater than the part".

Now there's an interesting word, "polyhedron". It refers in physics to many-sided shapes like cubes, prisms and pyramids. Using this image, Pope Francis (who has a master's degree in science) applies it to society where differences coexist, complementing and enriching one another, even amid disagreements and reservations. As he writes,

Each of us can learn something from others. No one is useless and no one is expendable. This also means finding ways to include those on the peripheries of life. For they have another way of looking at things; they see aspects of reality that are invisible to the centres of power where weighty decisions are made.

The quest for a new "culture of encounter", concludes Pope Francis, means that we should be passionate about meeting others, seeking points of contact, and building bridges. This, he prays, should become a style of life.

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116.

RESPONSE:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord, for he has heard my voice, my appeal; for he has turned his ear to me whenever I call. **R**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death; the anguish of the grave has found me; anguish and sorrow I found. I called on the name of the Lord: 'Deliver my soul, O Lord!' **R**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple; I was brought low, and he saved me. **R**
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.

GOSEL: Mark 8:27-35.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 13 Sep St John Chrysostom, BD

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28; Luke 7:1-10
So often our patience is tested by the journey of life, but we do have a choice in our attitude. Just as there are many challenges along the way, there are many blessings too. Do we choose to see them?

Tue 14 Sep EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78; John 3:13-17
We know we are doing God's will if we, like Moses, can remember that the will of God will not lead us to where the grace of God will not sustain us. We journey forth as people of faith trusting that God will provide.

Wed 15 Sep Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebrews 5:7-9; Psalm 31; John 19:25-27
Like Mary, we will all have our time when we are called to stand by the cross of someone in severe pain. Stand by them sensitively and compassionately, and be a faithful messenger of loving kindness.

Thu 16 Sep Ss Cornelius, P & Cyprian, B Ms

1 Timothy 4:12-16; Psalm 111; Luke 7:36-50
How can God be totally just and at the same time be totally merciful? There is no contradiction here. Justice applies to any situation, and then mercy often tempers justice to make sure it is always just.

Fri 17 Sep (St Robert Bellarmine, BD)

1 Timothy 6:2-12; Psalm 49; Luke 8:1-3.
Like many other religious teachers, Jesus taught us how to live in this world. But, as we know, it didn't end there. Through Jesus, those who have died are resurrected and join him in eternity.

Sat 18 Sep Liturgy of the Day

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100; Luke 8:4-15
God calls us to continue persevering even when all looks lost, or there is little sign of hope. During this time of Covid pandemic, remain faithful to prayer and trust the process as we live in faith, hope and love.

Sun 19 Sep 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2:12.17-20; Psalm 54; Mark 9:30-37
In our economy we earn every penny by the sweat of our brows, and are respected for it. But in the economy of salvation God's generosity extends to all and we earn very little by our own efforts.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER '21

11	Sat	18h00	Special intention for Dr L Jacobs
12	Sun	08h00	RIP Jock Peixoto
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega Special intention for Dr L Jacobs
		18h30	RIP Ruth Manickum RIP Brenda Tiffin
13	Mon	18h00	RIP Hilary Hay 1st anniversary
14	Tue	18h00	Ilia Das Neves Ponte Jardim
15	Wed	18h00	Mr Kgongoane
16	Thu	18h00	For the soul of Jose Batista Rodrigues
17	Fri	18h00	In special thanksgiving

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Theresa Vanek, Marge Gwilym, Yvonne Dietz, Wendy Elliot, Els Hamilton, Rosario de Peniche, Ricki Vengetass, Harry Shiers, Traude Rijfkoegel, John Le Roux, Gideon Wathen, Maria Wathen, Miriam Marais, Moira Lottering, Hilarie Currie, Mario Pellarini, Milana da Silva Texeira, Antonio Savides, Marinda Stroh, Maria Fernandes, Rodney Naidoo, Maria Nader and Dinkie Roome

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

PARISH NOTICES

YOUTH NEWS: www.ctky.co.za

Youth Email: info@ctky.co.za

ENGAGED COUPLES: Please notify Fr. Thabiso as soon as you are engaged. The important thing for engaged couples to keep in mind, Fr Thabiso requires **six** months before your anticipated wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process with you.

SACRISTAN: We are urgently looking for a Sacristan for both the 8am and 10am Masses. If you are interested, please contact Ashley on 0824575214.

MASS INTENTIONS: When placing Mass intentions please be specific about the Mass intention if its for a lost loved one please indicate RIP, if it's a special intention or in thanksgiving please indicate it on the envelope so that Fr will know what the Mass intention is for. All Mass intentions must be in by Thursday at 10h00 as the bulletin is printed on a Friday. If you miss the Thursday deadline the Mass intention will not appear in the bulletin at the correct time.

YOUNG ADULTS: They have started meeting again if you are interested in joining, please contact Zoran Basich on 0723990968

NICHES NEEDED: The niches in the walls of our **Garden of Remembrance** at the back of the church are filling up and selling out fast. So much so that an additional wall needs to be built pronto. If you are interested in assisting with this project or quoting for the job, please contact Tino at 082 965 0705 for more information. If you wish to donate towards the cost of erecting the wall, please do so using the reference "Garden". Arrangements to reserve the niche of your choice in this tranquil setting can be made with Angela, the parish secretary at 012 333 4738. Peace!

CONFESSIONS: will be held in the Children's Chapel starting at 17h15.

BAPTISMS: These will take place on the 12th September after the 10h00 Mass. Could all parents who attended the last class please send your forms to the parish office for processing as soon as possible.

Our next class for baptism is on the 20th of September should you wish to attend please contact the Parish office for the forms and details on the class.

PARISH SERVICES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MASSES:

We are back to online registrations for the weekend Masses. The link to the Mass registration has been posted on Facebook, please save it to use every week. **Register by Friday at 12h00.**

PLEASE REGISTER - WE MUST COMPLY WITH COVID REGULATIONS!

MASS TIMES:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 18h00

Sunday 08h00 (live-streamed), 10h00 and 18h30

Daily Masses: Mon to Frid: 18h00. Masses are live-streamed and posted on Facebook. Find the videos and join in Masses at: <https://www.facebook.com/www.christking.org.za/>

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH FINANCES

Tithing or planned giving contributions to the upkeep of the parish and the services provided by it can be made monthly or annually either by way of cash payments or stop order transfers into the parish tithing bank account (**No. 011181230**). Alternatively, donations can be made by EFT into our main bank account (**No. 011564733**) using the word "DONATE" as reference. Both these accounts are held in the name of Christ the King Catholic Church at branch No. 051001 of Standard Bank. The form attached to this bulletin can be used to be included in our records as a dedicated planned giver. A third alternative is to use the attached Snapscan facility. Your generosity in these trying times is highly appreciated!

CHURCH BANKING DETAILS: Please continue to support our Parish via the banking details or the attached Snapscan code

 SnapScan

Scan the SnapCode to complete the payment.



Queenswood Catholic Church

HUMANITAS

OUTREACH: We thank everyone for their generous donations of both clothes and money. We are now feeding **81** families every month. Please remember the items for the food parcels when you are shopping.

1kg Brown beans, packet of candles, 200gr laundry soap, packets of matches, 5kg mielie meal, 750ml oil, 400gr peanut butter, 500gr rice, 1kg samp, 500gr soya mince, sachets of soup, 1kg sugar, 200gr toilet soap, tin foods, teabags.

Should you wish to make a cash donation our banking details are **Christ the King Catholic Church Queenswood; ABSA account 9262935634, branch code 642005**. All donations are gratefully accepted. For more information on how you can assist please contact Louis on 082 829 8105.

SOUP KITCHEN:

The Soup Kitchen has opened its doors again if you would like to make donations or require any further information, please contact Matthew Hoods on 0766081825.





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.