

Christ the King – Fruit of Prayer



Separation of the Sheep and the Goats, Byzantine Mosaic, early 20th C (original dated early 6th C)

The Feast of Christ the King brings our final *Link* reflection for the Year of Prayer. However, we will not consider prayer *per se* but the fruits of prayer. The Lord said to St Teresa of Ávila: "This is the purpose of prayer, my daughter: the birth of good works." One can easily link this to the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:21 – "Not everyone who keeps saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will get into the kingdom of heaven, but only the person who does the will of my Father in heaven." Prayer is empty, indeed it is hypocritical, if it does not bear fruit in the transformation of our lives into a surrender to God's will of love. What can we learn about this from the Feast of Christ the King?

The story of the last judgment in Matthew 25 immediately springs to mind. In it, the King is seated on his throne from where he separates the sheep from the goats, that is, those who lived by the law of love and those who did not. This well-known Gospel narrative tells us that Christ lives through history from generation to generation, and does so anonymously. Only at the end of time does he reveal his identity, does he shed his many disguises: in the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, and even prisoners. As King, his judgment on us recurs in every encounter with those in need. The life of a Christian is an exercise in searching for the hidden Christ, and serving him when we find him in the suffering, the

exploited, and the persecuted; when we hear him in the cry of the poor.

Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) stands out in our modern world as a shining beacon of this. What is less known about her – in fact, only recently made known – is that, saint that she was during her life on earth, she went through many years of spiritual darkness. She felt the very absence of God; she felt, like Jesus on the cross, that God had forsaken her. Yet, the more God allowed her this trial, the more she reached out to the poor of the world, opening convents of her sisters in many countries to care for the sick, the dying and the unloved.

All prayer, we must confess as we end our series in prayer, experiences dryness as part of its maturing process. Sometimes we feel we are talking into an empty void. It is at moments like these that we can take heart in the wisdom given to St Teresa of Ávila, that prayer is seen to be fruitful in practical and down to earth ways, in doing good works. Her namesake, St Teresa of Kolkata, experienced this too. Saying "Lord, Lord" seemed to get her nowhere; there seemed to be no answer. Yet there was. The "Lord, Lord" of prayer was to be found in the poorest of the poor.

We will have learned nothing from our series on prayer during this Year of Prayer if we have not been transformed, through our life in Christ, into people of compassion and humble service.

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and authority for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 93.

RESPONSE:

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.
The Lord has robed himself with might;
he has girded himself with power. **R**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:5-8.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37.

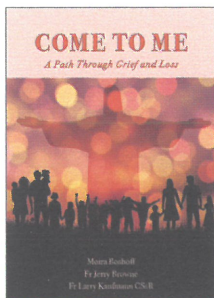
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 25 Nov (St Catherine of Alexandria, VM)

Revelations 14:1-5; Psalm 24; Luke 21:1-4

The firework known as the 'Catherine Wheel' is named after today's saint who, according to Christian tradition, was condemned to death by "breaking on the wheel" by emperor Maxentius, in 310 AD.

Tue 26 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Revelations 14:14-19; Psalm 96; Luke 21: 5-11

"In the times for which there are no easy answers and when your suffering is great, something from within is able to help you, and wants to help you. It called me forward, ... I saw everything through new eyes." – Paula D'Arcy

Wed 27 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98; Luke 21:12-19

"The point appears to be not just to stay the same your whole life but to grow, to really grow and open, grow in seeing, grow in awareness." – Paula D'Arcy

Thu 28 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Rev 18:1-2.21-23; 19:1-3.9; Psalm 100; Luke 21:20-28

If you were told that tomorrow Jesus would return to end this world and to make judgment upon it, how would you react? Would you be terrified? Overjoyed? Hopeful? Confused? Would you be ready?

Fri 29 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Revelation 20:1-4.11-21:2; Psalm 84; Luke 21:29-33

"Watch yourself objectively, calmly, and compassionately. From this most positive and dignified position, we can let go of, and even easily admit, our wrongs." – Richard Rohr

Sat 30 Nov ST ANDREW, A

Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19; Matthew 4:18-22

Andrew, the brother of Peter, is known to be the first follower of Jesus. He preached the Gospel in the lands around the Black Sea and in Greece and was eventually crucified on an X-shaped cross in Patras.

Sun 1 Dec 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25; Luke 21:25-28.34-36

"It sounds paradoxical: by excluding death from our life we cannot live a full life, and by admitting death into our life we enlarge and enrich life." – ETTY HILLESUM

KEY: **SOLEMNITY:** FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
V=Virgin; M=Martyr; A=Apostle

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MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 2024

23	Sat	18h00	We pray for continued guidance for all who are writing exams
24	Sun	08h00	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING Henry Mashungwe 93rd Heavenly Birthday RIP Vassula Rayden RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Dr Tolu Drabile RIP Dr Nadackel Thomas Sebastian RIP Moki Ngu & Peter Ngu
		18h30	NO MASS
25	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
26	Tues	18h00	RIP all souls in Purgatory
27	Wed	18h00	RIP all souls in Purgatory
28	Thu	18h00	RIP all souls in Purgatory
29	Fri	18h00	We pray for the leadership of our country

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Veronica Wheeler, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Venancio Ruguwa, Okopantse Matshane, Moira Lottering, Pieter Du Pokoy, Cecilia Forbes, Innita Davies, Miriam Marais and Lyne Bogle.

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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: A big thank you to everyone who attended the International Food Fair, in particular the Loreto School for making their field and equipment available. A big thank you to all stall holders, and anyone who assisted in making this day a success. Detailed report to follow next week.

MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: No 18h30 Mass on Sunday the 24th of November.

2025 JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE: Walk through 4 Holy Doors in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Consolation in Turin with Fr Daniel. Visit Our Lady's sanctuary in Basilica and participate in the processions around the streets of Italy. Posters are on the noticeboard with additional information.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND DECORATING OF THE CHURCH: We are looking for volunteers to assist with decorating the church and setting up the Christmas tree. Please contact Celine 0844487972 if you are willing to assist.

CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS: We will be putting up the Christmas tree in the church soon. They will have tags on for gifts for the children and the elderly. Please show your support for this project by taking a tag and returning it on a gift to make it a special Christmas for all the vulnerable people in our community.

BISCUIT SALE: We are selling biscuits after the masses as fundraising for the Parish. Please support this worthy endeavor.

REPOSITORY: The repository will be open every Sunday between 9am and 10am. Our Bible diaries have arrived. Grab yours before they are sold out.

2ND COLLECTIONS FOR ADVENT starts the weekend of the 1st December for 4 weeks.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK

24 Nov: Mr Anthony Mathyela, Mr Lionel Peters, Ms Aveline Griesel, Ms Yvonne Sequeira

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

25 Nov: Mr Shaun Christiaans, Ms Chene De Conceicao

29 Nov: Miss Nikita De Franca

(If your birthday does NOT appear on the weekly list, you are NOT registered on the electronic system. Please inform the Parish Secretary at 012-333 4738 to update your particulars.)

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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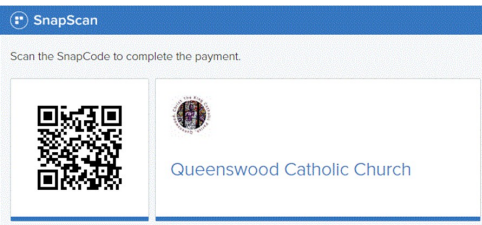
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HUMANITAS

OUTREACH: We would like to ask the generous community to continue their support of this worthy cause. This is one of the outlets we use to service the needy in our community.

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.

CATECHESIS: S.P.R.E.D (SPecial RELigious De-velopment) is a programme that aims to integrate socially, psychologically and spiritually in parish worship children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities, recognising their individual value, attributes and contributions to society and the church. The parish is looking for volunteers to assist in this programme. If you are interested or have questions please contact: Claire at 079 514 8824 or email her at clairelieutier@gmail.com



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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.