

Jan Wildens landscape with Christ and his Disciples on the Road to Emmaus (cropped)

A Listening Church

As a true Jesuit, Pope Francis believes in the importance of prayerful discernment in seeking God's will. And so, in preparation for the last two phases of the synod (2023 and 2024) he engaged the services of a true Dominican (traditionally arch-rivals of the Jesuits!). He asked Father, now Cardinal, Timothy Radcliffe OP, to lead the participants in retreat. Radcliffe also led the reflection prior to voting on the synod document. What he says helps our understanding of synodality.

Radcliffe reminds us of the origin of the term 'synod', from the Greek word *syn hodos* – together on the way. And, as for the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, there is dialogue and conversation. Not idle chit-chat but speaking freely and openly about what is on their minds. Only this way, speaking the truth in love, can we discern what the Spirit of Truth is teaching us. In graced freedom we know that, despite differences and disagreements, "God works all for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28). And Radcliffe adds: "Because of this freedom, we can dare to belong to the Church and say 'We'."

Belief in the Holy Spirit does not excuse us from using our minds as we search for the truth. Radcliffe recalls a scene in the play (also a film), *A Man for all Seasons*, where St Thomas More implores his daughter Meg to honour our God-given ability to think: "Listen, Meg, God made the angels to show Him splendour, as He made animals for innocence and plants for their simplicity. But people He made to serve

Him wittily (intelligently), in the tangle of their minds."

Disagreement is part of life. But Radcliffe says that the Holy Spirit is at work even there, provided dialogue is honest, respectful and loving. The freedom that the Spirit gives is for us to think, speak and to listen without fear. This is the human reality behind synodality. How significant it is that Jesus joined the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, and how wonderful that he asks them what they are talking about. He engages his disciples in conversation. He listens and they speak. He speaks and they listen. And at the end of the story, they speak to each other: "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32.

Summing up the process of the Synod, Pope Francis himself models the grace of dialogue and listening: "With this Final Document, we have gathered the fruits of at least three years in which we have been listening to the People of God in order better to understand how to be a synodal Church – it is by listening to the Holy Spirit – at this time." Humbly, and with a touch of humour, he adds: "The Bishop of Rome, I frequently remind myself, also needs to practice listening!"

Catholic Link in the following weeks before Lent will offer an overview of Synodality. This is what the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to be today as she journeys onwards into the challenges of the 21st century.



SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 96.

RESPONSE:

Tell among all the peoples the wonders of the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord; bless his name. **R**
2. Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. **R**
4. Worship the Lord in holy splendour. O tremble before him, all the earth. Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king'. He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. God has called us through the Gospel, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 20 Jan (St Sebastian, M)

Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110; Mark 2:18-22

"The devil strains every nerve to secure the souls which belong to Christ. We should not grudge our toil wrestling them from Satan and giving them back to God." – St Sebastian

Tue 21 Jan St Agnes, VM

Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111; Mark 2:23-28

"She is too young to know of death, yet is ready to face it." – St Ambrose, speaking of St Agnes (c 291-304) who was martyred at the age of 13. "Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue" – St Agnes

Wed 22 Jan (St Vincent, DcnM)

Hebrews 7:1-3.15-17; Psalm 110; Mark 3:1-6

The martyrs are heroic examples of what God's power can do. It is humanly impossible for someone to go through tortures such as Vincent had and remain faithful. Know that God's power is with us at all times.

Thu 23 Jan Liturgy of the Day

Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 40; Mark 3:7-12

"If you don't know how to dance, don't worry. Your soul knows the steps. Wherever life finds you, don't forget to dance and sing with the God who dances like the whirlwind with you." – Barbara Holmes

Fri 24 Jan St Francis de Sales, BD

Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 85; Mark 3:13-19

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset." – St Francis de Sales

Sat 25 Jan CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117; Mark 16:15-18

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me." – 1 Corinthians 15:10

Sun 26 Jan 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

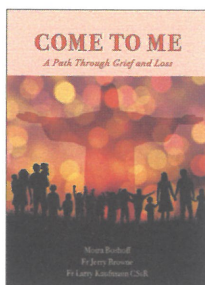
Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10; Psalm 19; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"There is some inexplicable connection between suffering and joy. One of the greatest graces of this existence is that we are able to experience joy in the midst of suffering." – Christian Wiman

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

The title of this book is well chosen: Come To Me. Taken from Jesus' words, "Come to me all who labour and are burdened...", this book echoes the intimate and encouraging invitation of Jesus to go him with our burdens.

Maira Boshoff, from her years of experience in care ministry, helps us to name our pains, and Father Jerry Browne's reflections bring us closer to the Jesus who stretches out his hand of invitation. The book also involves readers in the process of reflection by bringing their own experience to bear on the various issues presented.



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MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 2025

18	Sat	18h00	Rosemol Joy happy heavenly birthday
19	Sun	08h00	RIP Fernando & Augusta Moutinho RIP Manuel Lourenco 1st year anniversary RIP Manuel Teixeira happy heavenly birthday In thanksgiving to our Lord God and Saviour for the safe delivery of Emily Theresa Botha
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Ludy Lembecke-Faase
		18h00	We pray for our country and its leaders
20	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
21	Tues	18h00	We pray for our children
22	Wed	18h00	We pray for Gods continued guidance and protection for our youth
23	Thu	18h00	We pray for insight and guidance for all parents
24	Fri	18h00	In thanksgiving for all pray-ers answered

CATECHISM NEWS

CATECHIST RETREAT on the 25th of January 2025. All Catechists to attend. Details are on the respective groups.

CATECHIST COMMISSIONING on the 1st of February 2025. All Catechist are expected to attend. Information is on the respective groups

CATECHISM TEACHERS NEEDED: We are seeking dedicated catechism teachers for both primary and high school levels. If you feel called to teach and are available on Thurs evenings or Sun mornings, please contact Claire at 079 514 8824.

SUPPORT A CHILD'S CATECHISM JOURNEY: Help ensure every child can experience the Sacraments of Initiation, regardless of financial challenges. Your donation to the Christ the King account (reference "CYD") will cover registration and camp fees for students in need, empowering them to fully participate in their faith journey. Together, let's make a difference.



PARISH NOTICES

WORLD MISSION ROSARY: This will resume every Thursday from **30 January 2025**. Evening Prayers will start at 5.15pm followed by Rosary at 5.30pm with Mass at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION 2025:

Catechism registrations are open and classes have started. Please download the applicable grade form from the parish website, complete the form, make the payment as indicated on the form, and send the completed form with the proof of payment to secretary@christking.org.za

BISCUIT SALE:

We will be selling biscuits again from this weekend. Thank you for supporting the parish's fundraising.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS TIMES:

Please note that the time for Sunday evening Mass is at **18h00**.

CATECHISM CLASS RESUMPTION DATES:

- High School Confirmation Group started on January 16, 2025

- High School (Grades 8-10): February 6, 2025

- Primary School (Grades 1-7): February 9, 2025

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 018h00, Saturday 17h00 to 18h00 and Sunday 07h 15 to 09h45 & 30 minutes after 10h00 Mass and again from 17h00 till 18h00

LADIES KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY:

There will be 5 Compulsory team formations on the following dates. **25 January**; 22 February; 1 March; 5 April; 3 May. Our weekend inside is scheduled for the 15-18 May.

For team formations attendance on all 5 dates are compulsory. For invitation to participate, contact Sheila 0616198308.

NEW OPERATING SECURITY / CHURCH HOURS:

The security is on a new rotational roster which means the church will open for **Adoration** during the following hours 10h00 till 22h00 Monday to Saturday and from 07h30 to 19h30 on Sunday.

PLEASE CHECK NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE INFO

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, Yvonne Penney, Jillian Heslop, Pieter Du Pokoy, Cecilia Forbes, Enita Davies, Elsa Strohm, Miriam Marais and Lyne Bogle.

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

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

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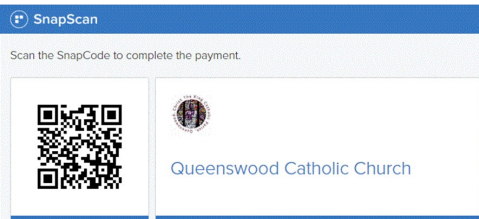
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University Chaplain:

Fr Manuel Graca: m.c.graca16@gmail.com

Tel: 073 254 4185

HUMANITAS

OUTREACH:

Help us continue serving the needy in our community. Your generosity makes a difference!

To contribute, please use the following banking details:

**Christ the King Catholic Church Queenswood;
Standard bank, cheque account, Account number
011 182709, Branch code 000145.**

All donations are gratefully accepted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18 Jan: Ricardo Jardim, Ronald Lembeck, Laraine Boyder, Barbara Mitchell

19 Jan: Edwardo Pereira, Bianca Abreu de Freitas

20 Jan: Bronislaw Tomkow, Michael Mzondo

21 Jan: Gareth Schmidt, Michael Fouche, Pearl Gwamanda

22 Jan: Kouadio Kablan, Vivienne Uys

23 Jan: Wim Wijnant, Ann Rhodes

24 Jan: Dunleck Limbani, Tania Flanagan, Tineke Prinsen

(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).



SPRED WISH LIST: We earnestly request all parishioners to review the list on the notice board and consider donating any items they may have at home and are willing to part with. These items are vital for the successful facilitation of our SPRED programme, and your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be delivered to the parish office. As items are received, they will be removed from the wish list. Your generosity and support are essential to the success of this programme, and we are deeply grateful for any assistance you can provide.

CALENDAR - JANUARY 2025

16 Jan: * Primary and High School Parent's Meeting in Denis Adami Hall from 18h00.

* First class of High School Confirmation Group

24 - 28 Jan:
Jubilee of the World of Communications

25 Jan:

* Ladies Kairos Prison Ministry
- compulsory formation meeting

* Catechist Retreat

30 Jan:

* World Mission Rosary starting at 17h15 with Evening Prayer.





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.