

# The Church 'Catholic'



Last week *Catholic Link* drew attention to the two most important dynamics at work in synodality: walking the road together, and listening. The grace of the recent Synod was to do just that. But as one delegate said, listening requires personal conversion from your own narrow perspective when you find yourself in a working group made up of people from Fiji, Indonesia, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Serbia, the United States, Liberia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Tanzania. Not only that, but the group comprised cardinals, archbishops, bishops, priests, and lay men and women. On this point, one woman delegate from Southeast Asia commented: "Last year I was so worried about speaking to a bishop! Now I'm more relaxed about it. I know he's a human being like me."

The Synod was a powerful expression of the catholicity of the Church. It can only have been the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit that made possible such a diverse gathering from the four ends of the earth. Delegates spoke of their different approaches to many pastoral issues, but, trusting the Spirit, they joyfully embraced the challenges of their roundtable conversations and, if truth be told, the importance of their coffee break conversations. Joy is an infallible sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Before it is an institution, the Church is a family, a community of disciples. The experience of the Synod gave witness to this as its 370 delegates represented the world's billion-plus Catholics. It was a meeting of hearts,

something Pope Francis writes about in his encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Dilexit Nos*. In fact, he quotes St John Henry Newman, "heart speaks to heart." The inspiration of Saint John Paul II also shone through: "Affective collegiality precedes effective collegiality." In other words, coming together (i.e. collegiality) must begin with mutual affection if it is to be effective. Personal conversion and spiritual renewal, as the Synod document itself says, is essential as the Church builds new structures in service of evangelisation.

The catholicity of the Synod, representative firstly of all the nations of the world, and then of the variety of gifts, roles and ministries in the Church, helps the Church to discern better what God is saying to us at this time in our history. One of the messages that delegates heard from the Spirit was the need for structural reform "that enables the Church to be more participatory and missionary, so that it can walk with every man and woman, radiating the life of Christ."

As we reflect on and try to absorb the importance of the Synod in our little corner of the world, more specifically, the southernmost part of Africa, we wonder how the spirit of openness, trust and confidence that was experienced in Rome can become incarnated in our own parishes and dioceses. Perhaps most importantly we need to trust the Holy Spirit and trust the process. This demands that we believe in one another's genuine contributions to the life and mission of the Church, no matter how different they may seem to us.



# SUNDAY MASS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

*O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

**FIRST READING:** Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 19.

## RESPONSE:

*Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.  
the decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. **R**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes. **R**
3. The fear of the Lord is pure, abiding forever.  
The judgements of the Lord are true; they are, all of them, just. **R**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer! **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

### Mon 27 Jan (St Angela Merici, V)

Hebrews 9:15,24-28; Psalm 98; Mark 3:22-30

"You will accomplish more by kind words and a courteous manner than by anger or sharp rebuke, which should never be used except in necessity." – St Angela Merici

### Tue 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas, PrD

Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40; Mark 3:31-35

"Man should not consider his material possessions as his own, but as common to all, so as to share them without hesitation when others are in need." – St Thomas Aquinas

### Wed 29 Jan Liturgy of the Day

Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110; Mark 4:1-20

"All life is sacred, we are all children of the God of peace, so we should never hurt or kill another human being, much less remain silent while wars rage and people die in poverty." – John Dear

### Thu 30 Jan Liturgy of the Day

Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24; Mark 4:21-25

"Nonviolence is the use of power to try to resolve conflicts, injuries, and issues in order to heal and uplift ... and to help people take power into their own hands and use their power creatively." – James Lawson

### Fri 31 Jan St John Bosco, Pr

Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37; Mark 4:26-34

"An oratory without music is like a body without a soul. The music of the young should be listened to with the heart and not with the ears." – St John Bosco

### Sat 1 Feb Bl Benedict Daswa, M

Wisdom 2:12-20; Psalm 27; John 12:24-26

"God, into Your hands receive my spirit" were the final words of Blessed Benedict Daswa, emulating those of St Stephen, the first martyr. Pray for such courage, commitment and dedication in following Christ.

### Sun 2 Feb PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Luke 2:22-40

In the 4th C, today's feast was called *The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord* because Jesus enters the Temple and "meets" the priests, as well as Simeon and Anna, representatives of the people of God.

**KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) V=Virgin; Pr=Priest; D=Doctor; M=Martyr**

Fr Cyril Axelrod has done it again – he has written another book! Undaunted by being Deafblind, having already written an autobiography and a sequel, he now reflects prayerfully on his Jewish origins and spirituality, bringing these into harmony with his Christian faith. This book is an inspiration to all.



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## MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 2025

25	Sat	18h00	RIP Dion Jansen Happy heavenly birthday For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
26	Sun	08h00	For a special intention and a new business
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Ludy Lembeck-Faase For the Soul of Gabriella de Haas Holy Trinity, Elza and family. Holy Mary of Grace, Elza and family.
		18h00	To our Lady of Perpetual Help to help Fernando For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
27	Mon	18h00	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
28	Tues	18h00	RIP Dion Jansen anniversary of passing For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
29	Wed	18h00	Special intention to St Anthony For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
30	Thu	18h00	For the De Olim Family For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
31	Fri	18h00	For a special intention For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer

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

**CATECHISM TEACHERS NEEDED:** If you feel called to teach and are available on Thurs evenings or Sun mornings, please contact Claire at 079 514 8824.

# PARISH NOTICES

**MAINTENANCE TEAM:** We are looking for quotes to replace the carpets in the adoration and cry chapels as well as re-upholster the kneelers. If anyone can assist with quotations, contact the parish office.

**WORLD MISSION ROSARY:** This will resume every Thursday starting on the 30th 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](mailto:secretary@christking.org.za) or hand it in to the class teacher.

**1000 HAIL MARY:** Save this date - Sat 24 May 2025 for the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for her profound influence & protection. Further details will follow closer to the time.

**BEREAVEMENT COURSE:** We would like to start the bereavement course on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 at 10h30 in the Adami Centre. Please contact Felicity on 0722111165 or the Parish office for more details.

**RCIA:** The 2025/2026 class will be starting after Easter. For all those interested in attending the classes, the forms are on the parish webpage. Please download the form, fill it in and submit it with the proof of payment to [secretary@christking.org.za](mailto: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, there is something for everyone. **The repository will have additional hours on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jan; 22 Feb; 1 Mar; 5 Apr; 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.

***PLEASE CHECK NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE INFO***

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

Helouise Steenkamp, Veronica Wheeler, Wendy Elliott, Jillian Heslop, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Venancio Ruguwa, Okopantse Matshane, Moira Lottering, Yvonne Penney, Pieter Du Pokoy, Ben de Beer, Cecilia Forbes, Enita Davies, Elsa Stroh and Miriam Marais.

To add a loved one to our sick list please send their details to [secretary@christking.org.za](mailto:secretary@christking.org.za)

## 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](mailto: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 Snapscan code**

**Banking details:**

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

**Snapscan**

SnapScan

Scan the SnapCode to complete the payment.



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*For any appointments with Fr. Daniel, please contact Angela, she manages Fr. Daniel's calendar.*

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## 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

**25 Jan:** Mr Lefa Mogashoa, Mrs Shannon Stokes

**26 Jan:** Mr Marco Caldeira, Ms Miriam Marais

**28 Jan:** Mr Tremaine Marais, Ms Pinkie Moleko,

**29 Jan:** Mr Llewellyn Marshall, Mr Masabata Segole,  
Mrs Myrielle Botou, Ms Lillian Kisakye

**30 Jan:** Mr Martin West, Mr Zoran Basich

**31 Jan:** Mr Raymond Medhurst, Mr Ulrik De Muelenaere

*(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](mailto: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.*