

Presentation of the Lord

Many are no doubt familiar with the expression, 'what has that to do with the price of eggs?' While the expression has an undertone of exasperation, its purpose is to steer a conversation back on course, allowing ideas to flow into and from each other, giving them some cohesion.

Applied to the Christian doctrine, the same principle is called "the analogy of faith", whereby all aspects of faith are somehow intertwined, connected by an inner complementarity. St Paul uses the principle in Romans 12:4-8 when speaking of the variety of gifts that make up the one Church: "In union with Christ we form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other." He goes on to say that each gift must be exercised "according to the proportion (Greek, *analogian*) of faith." In a word, the analogy of faith is associated with the one unchanging faith of the Church. There is an intimate relationship between all aspects of faith, and excluding anything irrelevant – like the price of eggs.

Let's see how we can apply this principle to our *Link* series on synodality in relation to today's Feast of the Presentation.

Synodality affirms the communal nature of the Church, with every person bringing their gifts to building up the Body of Christ. It highlights the "domestic church" of marriage and the family in which Christ is central. The characters in today's feast model all of this for us. Mary and Joseph fulfil their parental duties and present their newborn child to God. They

take the child home with them where he is given every opportunity to grow in wisdom and maturity. Fellowship at the macro level of the

Church's life begins with the full flourishing of relationships at the micro level of family life.

Then, Simeon and Anna, each in their own way, model the vital gift of prophecy in our faith. Prophets see events and moments in the light of faith. They read the signs of the times, they discern which way the Spirit is blowing, they appreciate deeper underlying truths in the ordinary. What might have been a routine thing in presenting Jesus in the Temple (I wonder how many other 8-day old babies were brought around the same time?) was, for Simeon and Anna in the case of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, a revelation of God at work in history.

Looked at in terms of the "analogy of faith", the Presentation of the Lord is not a once-off isolated event. It coheres with the entire narrative of salvation: God's work of redemption in his Beloved Son, Jesus.

The Church applies the feast in a special way to the Consecrated Life – the "presentation" to God of those women and men who commit

themselves to God, to the Church, and to the ongoing mission of Christ, by taking the vows of Religious Life: chastity, poverty, and obedience. Within the Consecrated Life, one sector has a special patron saint in Anna, the mystic and contemplative, who "never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer" (Luke 2:37-38). May the contemplative nuns and monks in the Church continue night and day to pray for the Church throughout the world!



Presentation of Jesus, c. 1896, Church of the Good Shepherd (Pennsylvania) by Francis Helminski

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we ponder in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24.

RESPONSE:

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

1. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**
2. Who is this king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant; the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**
4. Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people, Israel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40.

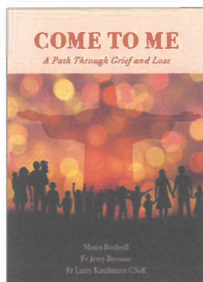
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Books from Redemptorist Pastoral Publications

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.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 3 Feb (St Blaise, BM)

Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 31; Mark 5:1-20

A blessing on the feast of St Blaise: "Through the intercession of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father ..."

Tue 4 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm 22; Mark 5:21-43

Perhaps Jesus used the delay of healing the woman in order to strengthen Jairus' faith. Perhaps God sometimes deliberately puts us off? Is our faith strong enough to save us, as it did the woman?

Wed 5 Feb St Agatha, VM

Hebrews 12:4-7.11-15; Psalm 103; Mark 6:1-6

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, You know my desires. Possess all that I am – You alone. I am Your sheep. Make me worthy to overcome the devil." – Prayer of St Agatha (c. 251AD)

Thu 6 Feb Ss Paul Miki & Companions, Ms

Hebrews 12:18-19.21-24; Psalm 48; Mark 6:7-13

"After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain." – St Paul Miki, words spoken from the cross.

Fri 7 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 27; Mark 6:14-29

We naturally gravitate toward those who are attractive, personable and friendly. However, God challenges us to open our eyes and hearts to everyone, especially the poor and the vulnerable.

Sat 8 Feb (St Josephine Bakhita, V)

Hebrews 13:15-17.20-21; Psalm 23; Mark 6:30-34

"O St Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

Sun 9 Feb 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2.3-8; Psalm 138; Luke 5:1-11

"We're here (on this earth) for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. Love is our origin, love is our ground, and love is our destiny." – James Finley

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 2025

01	Sat	18h00	Special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer In thanksgiving to St Anthony & Our Lady of the Impossible Granny Sarah Sibanyoni
02	Sun	08h00	RIP Fernando & Augusta Moutinho RIP Andrea Bruni RIP Carlos Freitas RIP Neil, John & Thelma Bosman & Dylan Georgiades RIP Abel Dias Sequeira and condolences to the Sequeira family Gabriel Happy 4th Birthday
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Ludy Lembeck- Faase RIP Abel Dias Sequeira and condolences to the Sequeira family
		18h00	RIP Abel Dias Sequeira and condolences to the Sequeira family Liz and Niel Voges - Happy 3rd year wedding anniversary Special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
03	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
04	Tues	18h00	Special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer Special intention for Danielle Espag
05	Wed	18h00	Special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
06	Thu	18h00	Special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer
07	Fri	18h00	Special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer

PARISH NOTICES

MAINTENANCE TEAM:

We are looking to get quotes to replace the carpets in the adoration and cry chapel as well as re-do the upholstery on the kneelers. If anyone can assist with quotations, please contact the parish office. We are also looking to put up fencing around the church for better security. We would like to know if any family would be interested in donating a 3m stretch of Clearview fencing. A quote will be obtained and communicated accordingly.

JOIN CTK PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE:

A powerful spiritual act, to pass over the threshold of Holy Doors, in 4 major Papal Basilicas in Rome, to gain plenary indulgence. Visit the Shrines in Turin, of Our Lady of Consolation & Saint Allamano – Founder of the Consolata Missionaries. Participate in the street procession during the Feast of Our Lady of Consolation. For more info, please chat to Sheila 0616198308 or Sonya 0826725948.

SOUTHERN CROSS: Fr. Daniel will be featured in The March copy of the Southern Cross. Please place an order in the repository so all can receive a copy.

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 or hand it to the teacher.

BEREAVEMENT COURSE:

We would like to start the bereavement course on the 8th 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

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 week-end of every month.**

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

HIGH SCHOOL MATHS TUTOR: If you need help with Maths, please call 0822565912.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Helouise Steenkamp, Veronica Wheater, 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

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.

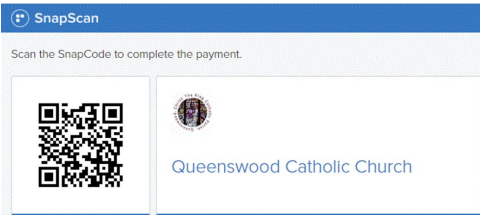
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HUMANITAS

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
011182709, Branch code 000145.**

All donations are gratefully accepted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01 Feb: Mr Llewellyn Philip, Ms Andrea Bouverie, Ms Marygorretti Riungu

02 Feb: Mr Stefano Bruni, Mrs Wilma De Beer, Ms Lucia Bruni

05 Feb: Mr Duran Nair, Mr John Faris, Mr Tony Balanco, Mrs Retana Alexander

06 Feb: Mr Merin Jacob, Ms Anopaishe Malaila

07 Feb: Mr Marco Gomes, Mrs Paula Da Silva

(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).

CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2025

Feb 1: Catechist Retreat

Commissioning of Catechists

Feb 6: First Class of High School candidates

Feb 7: Worsrolletjie Sale

Feb 8: Bereavement Course starts

Feb 9: Cookie Fundraiser for Valentine's Day
First Class of Junior School Candidates

Feb 20: Feast of St Jacinta & Francisco Marto

Feb 21 – 23: Grade 11 camp

Feb 27: Golden Gathering



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.



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.