

Cart Before the Horse?

Readers of *Catholic Link* may be wondering what this mini-series on synodality in the Church has to do with their daily lives and struggles. That is a fair question, given the *Link's* mission to provide articles on spirituality and matters pastoral. A little reminder is in order. In what we call the "short green season" – the seven to eight weeks between Christmas and Lent when we see green vestments – we have traditionally tried to touch on matters requiring catechesis. So, this year's series can be called a "catechesis on synodality". In the long run, it has everything to do with our daily lives and struggles, not in individualistic isolation, but as members of the community of disciples.

Fundamental to synodality is the baptismal dignity of every man, woman and child in the Church. Baptism calls each one of us not just to membership in the church but to responsibility for the life and mission of the Church, as the Holy Spirit showers different gifts (charisms) on different individuals to build up the Body of Christ. With these charisms come certain ministries. There are of course the obvious ones linked to holy orders – bishop, priest, deacon – and others not so linked, like proclaimers of the word, extraordinary ministers of Communion, and catechists. Then there are people who help with grief ministry and other caring services like counselling, spiritual accompaniment, ministry to the aged, the disabled, etc. Charitable organisations are also gifts of the Holy Spirit, confirming the Church's duty to reach out to the homeless and hungry, and

those needing clothing and warm blankets.

Perhaps this is the place to draw attention to one of the burning questions dealt with during the Synod: the role of women. To put

it in the words of the final document itself, paragraph 60, which recognizes that although more than half of the people in the church are women, "women encounter obstacles in obtaining a fuller recognition of their charisms, vocation and roles in all the various areas of church life." That this was stated in such clear terms is a sign that synodality works.

The Synod, drawing on Scripture and tradition, pointed to Mary Magdalene as "the apostle to the apostles". Let it not be forgotten that one of the first things Pope Francis did in his papacy was to raise the status of the liturgical celebration of Mary Magdalene from a humble memorial to a full Feast. The renewed consciousness of the pivotal role of Mary Magdalene in the Gospels informed the discussion of women in the life of the church.

The final document goes on to make a bold assertion. It recognises that there are obstacles placed in the way of women being allowed to minister in the life of the Church. Some wanted the Synod there and then to address the ministry of women in the Church, including admission to the diaconate. But Pope Francis wisely insisted that we had to get the concept of synodality adopted first. Only with synodality in place could this future discernment proceed, with the participation of lay women and men. Synodality puts the horse before the cart!



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SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 1.

RESPONSE:

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

1. Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord, and who ponders his law day and night. **R**
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17, 20-26.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 17 Feb (7 Founders of the Servite Order)

Genesis 4:1-15.25; Psalm 50; Mark 8:11-13

In 1240, these seven prominent noblemen of Florence withdrew to a life of prayer and solitude, a life directly given to God. Can you imagine seven prominent businessmen doing something similar today?

Tue 18 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5.10; Psalm 29; Mark 8:14-21

"Revolutionary love means loving as God would love: infinitely, graciously, extravagantly. It means loving with God, letting divine love fill me and flow through me..." – Brian McLaren

Wed 19 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Genesis 8:6-13.20-22; Psalm 116; Mark 8:22-26

Sometimes we feel lost and don't know which way to turn, yet like the blind man we sense that we must walk into the unknown, with trust. Pray for the courage to follow where God leads.

Thu 20 Feb Liturgy of the Day

Genesis 9:1-13; Psalm 102; Mark 8:27-33

Sometimes the important questions need repeating: Who do you say that Jesus is? What does he mean to you? How has he changed your life or influenced your decisions? Is he Saviour, Lord, friend, brother?

Fri 21 Feb (St Peter Damian, BD)

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 33; Mark 8:34-9:1

"Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth." – St Peter Damian

Sat 22 Feb CHAIR OF ST PETER

1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23; Matthew 16:13-19

We rejoice in the guidance and the role of the Holy Spirit, thanking Jesus for the authority he shares with mere humans. We pray for our Pope whom God has chosen to occupy the Chair of St Peter at the present time.

Sun 23 Feb 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 26:2.7.9.12-13.22-23; Ps 103; Luke 6:27-38

If Christ is at the centre of our lives, we don't have to rush into irrational action that often leads to impractical solutions. "Peace! Be still!" can be our watchwords as we wait for guidance. – Barbara Harris

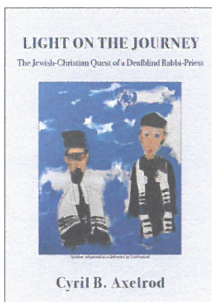
KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) B=Bishop; D=Doctor

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 FEBRUARY 2025

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| 15 | Sat | 18h00 | RIP George Lima Da Camara For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer |
| 16 | Sun | 08h00 | RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho For a special intention and healing for Cameron Schafer |
| | | 10h00 | RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Agostinho Fernandes |
| | | 18h00 | RIP George Lima Da Camara In thanksgiving for blessings |
| 17 | Mon | 18h00 | COMMUNION SERVICE |
| 18 | Tues | 18h00 | Happy 1st Birthday Mia |
| 19 | Wed | 18h00 | RIP George Lima Da Camara |
| 20 | Thu | 18h00 | Happy Birthday Manuel Ferreira In thanksgiving Shelia Houghton & successful parish pilgrimage |
| 21 | Fri | 18h00 | RIP George Lima Da Camara |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Enid de Beer, Veronica Wheeler, Wendy Elliott, 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

We would appreciate an update every 2nd month as to whether they still need to stay on the list.

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

PARISH NOTICES

FR CHARLES' FAREWELL - On Sunday, 23 February, there will only be one morning Mass at 09h00 as we come together to bid farewell to Fr. Charles. After Mass, all parishioners are invited to a ***Bring and Share*** gathering. Please bring a plate of snacks / sweets/water/juice/cooldrink to share as we celebrate his time with us and wish him well on his journey ahead. The Masses for next weekend will be Saturday 22 at 18h00, Sunday at 09h00 and 18h00.

Let's come together in gratitude and fellowship!

WEDDINGS: All those wishing to get religiously married must please contact the parish priest at least 6 months before the date of the wedding for the marriage preparation courses to be completed.

CTK PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE: We are thrilled by your interest. Please confirm bookings before the end of this month to secure an unforgettable spiritual encounter. We are excited to share more details. Contact Sheila 0616198308 or Sonja 0826725948.

MISSIONARY GROUP INVITATION: The Feast of St Francisco & St Jacinta Marto. Shepherd children who witnessed apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima happens on Thursday 20th February. It starts with evening prayers at 17h15 and Rosary at 17h30 followed by Mass at 18h00. All are welcome to join.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: We are looking to put up fencing around the church for better security. If any family would be interested in donating a 3m stretch of Clear Vu fencing, a quote has been obtained. For price enquiries please contact the parish office. Should you wish to make a donation into the church account please use **Clear VU** as the reference.

FATHER DANIEL WILL BE BACK SOON: Fr Daniel will be returning on the 20th of February and will only resume office duties on the 25th of February.

SOUTHERN CROSS: Fr. Daniel will be featured in the March copy. Please place an order in the repository so that everyone can receive a copy.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION 2025: 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 class teacher.

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 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.**

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

Snapscan code

Banking details:

Christ the King Catholic Church

Standard Bank Branch 051001

Main Account No. 011564733

Tithing Account No. 011181230

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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.

University Chaplain:

Fr Charles Mundia 071 364 0150

Email: cmundia@gmail.com

HUMANITAS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

15 Feb: Mr Michael Hofman, Mr Ronald Vallero, Ms Carolyn Viljoen, Ms Ntom'futhi Motha

18 Feb: Mr Leopold Vest, Mr Nicholas Williams

19 Feb: Mr Lucas Brouwers, Mr Roy Rui, Ms Angelina During, Ms Stacey Omeleze

20 Feb: Mr Manuel Ferreira

21 Feb: Mrs Chanel Alberts

(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 (postponed)

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 22: Eastern Deanery Pastoral Council Mtg

Feb 27: Golden Gathering / Bible Study

CARITAS: CTK OUTREACH:

We provide food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate.

We support various homes for both adults and children.

Should you have items that you wish to donate, these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends.

We have in recent weeks provided more than 75 bags of family clothing to Holy Cross, Christ Crisis centre, St Camilla's and the Salvation Army due to your continued support.

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. Thank you.

PARISH BOOK OF TALENTS: Would you like to showcase your company/service in the parish's Book of Talents? *Details for the advertisement:* No more than 300 words, you may include a logo or picture to accompany your advertisement.

Watch the space for submission details.



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.