

# Resurrection Reconciliation

Two instances of reconciliation after the resurrection of Christ stand out, namely those of St Thomas and St Peter. There are no fanfares of apologies, or even words of absolution and forgiveness from Jesus. There is just reconciliation in acts of faith and love. Thomas: "My Lord and my God." Peter: "You know everything, Lord, you know that I love you."

Reconciliation in relationships, when viewed through the lens of faith and love in the Risen Christ and when it draws motivation and strength from that, is nothing less than real-time participation in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It empowers us beyond thinking of the resurrection as an historical event – a noun – and acts as a verb bringing broken relationships back to life. This is not conflict-resolution on steroids, but an experience

of transformation and a new beginning strongly built on the saving grace of the resurrection of Christ. Recall what the loving father said after his prodigal son's return: "He was 'dead' and has come back to life" (Luke 25:32).

The resurrection of Christ is the core of our faith. New life from death. Not the resuscitation of a corpse, but the living, abiding presence of the Son of God who came to bring us new life (John 10:10). And we experience that new life as it breathes new breath into relationships that are paralyzed by betrayal and wounded memories. But reconciliation can have a timetable of its own, as even long-term estrangements are slowly healed by resurrection grace. A beautiful new creation is made

by God the Artist from the broken pieces of human folly and fragility. Resurrection reconciliation does not just patch and glue together the broken pieces of an old relationship. It creates a new one, a work of beauty of the Divine Artist who seeks our ultimate transformation into the image of the Risen Christ. We are drawn into perfect communion, into unity of life with the most Holy Trinity.

St Paul is quick to see some of the theological and social implications of this in Galatians 3:28. "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." I don't believe our "either-or" dualistic culture has even begun to realise this properly. Yet Christians are called to be ambassadors of reconciliation; to be mirrors of the

love and grace of God in their relationships. To see others through the very eyes of God.

A word on the subtle difference between forgiveness and reconciliation. We saw on Divine Mercy Sunday how the Risen Lord imparted to the apostles the power to forgive sins. Being forgiven is in itself a resurrection gift and can stand on its own. But reconciliation is sometimes more gradual as it requires both parties to be filled with remorse and with mutual repentance in their desire to restore the relationship. To experience that restoration is proof positive that resurrection is a verb. Reconciliation is a form of resurrection, a reflection of God's work in the world bringing peace, joy, and unity out of our human brokenness.



The Incredulity of St Thomas, from an English manuscript, 1504

# SUNDAY MASS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 66.

## RESPONSE:

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How awesome your deeds!' **R**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow down,  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God;  
awesome his deeds among the children of men. **R**
3. He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
Let our joy, then, be in him;  
he rules forever by his might. **R**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God;  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,  
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 3:15-18.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Alleluia, alleluia! If a man loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL:** John 14:15-21.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

## Mon 11 May Liturgy of the Day

Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26-16:4

"Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, his will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness." – Desmond Tutu

## Tue 12 May (Ss Nereus & Achilleus, Ms)

Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138; John 16:5-11

Even though we may have been Confirmed, many of us fail to let the Holy Spirit transform our lives. Trust that Jesus wants you to receive him in his fullness. Let the Holy Spirit become more alive in your life.

## Wed 13 May (Our Lady of Fatima)

Acts 17:15.22-18:1; Psalm 148; John 16:12-15

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy". (*Prayer taught to the children of Fatima to be said after each decade of the Rosary*)

## Thu 14 May ST MATTHIAS, A

Acts 1:15-17.20-26; Psalm 113; John 15:9-17

St Matthias, the disciple chosen to replace Judas, is considered the patron saint for those struggling with alcoholism. He was also known for his consistent, quiet discipleship.

## Fri 15 May Liturgy of the Day

Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47; John 16:20-23

"Why do we cause each other so much pain, and why do we turn away from hurt when the only way to the other side of struggle is through it? ... Never look away from pain." – Brené Brown

## Sat 16 May Liturgy of the Day

Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47; John 16:23-28

Jesus walks with us on all roads of life, the difficult as well as the joyful. Take heart. "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." – Pope John Paul II

## Sun 17 May ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Matthew 28:16-20

"The Ascension was the triumph of redeemed man. It is the completion of his redemption. It was the last act, making the whole sure, for now man is actually in heaven." – St John Henry Newman

**KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) Ms=Martyrs; A=Apostle**

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# PARISH NOTICES

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:

We wish all the Mom's a very Happy Mother's Day. May your heart be filled with the same joy, peace, and love you've poured into the lives of your families.

## SECOND COLLECTION:

We will be having a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Please give generously.

## SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION

Synod Pathways for Implementation starts with PPC Training on the 24<sup>th</sup> May at 12h00. The intention is to support existing parish groups to hold conversations in the spirit, listen attentively and to discern prayerfully.

## FHC FIRST RECONCILIATION:

The First Reconciliation for the First Holy Communion class will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 at 08h00 in the church.

**NGOME TRIP SEPTEMBER 2026:** The Ngome trip is on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2026. We are inviting all interested parties to contact the parish office for further details and booking arrangements. The cost will be R2200.00 per person. Please forward all proof of payment to

[secretary@christking.org.za](mailto:secretary@christking.org.za) All payments must be received by the end of July for the bus to be booked. Please keep all proof of payments made for reconciliation purposes. Please use the main account for your payments 011564733 referencing Ngome and your name.

## BAPTISMS:

Our next baptism will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

## MASS INTENTIONS MAY 2026

09	Sat	18h00	Saint Joseph
10	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho & Palmira Dias RIP Hilarie Currie 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr anniversary RIP Maria De Abreu RIP Arro Naidoo RIP Maria dos Reis Ferreira Special intention for Nomsa & Joseph Mogale Special intention- Vocation discernment
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega
		18h00	
11	Mon	18h00	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
12	Tues	18h00	We are celebrating the 7 <sup>th</sup> day Mass in loving memory of Manual Gomes De Oliveira
13	Wed	18h00	RIP Giovanni Balletti
14	Thu	18h00	
15	Fri	18h00	

## SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Lyn Bogle, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Jan Staas, Leo Vest, Miriam Marais and Ivo Sinovich

## PARISH FINANCES

### TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe, please fill in the form in the box.

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## CARITAS

### CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH PROGRAMME



We provide various 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 continue to assist many families in our parish with everyday necessities thanks to your generous donations. 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**

## NEWS

### PRETORIA EASTERN DEANERY DAY:

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this day of fellowship & prayer on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the Church of the Beatitudes, Zwavelpoort.

The day starts at 9am and ends at 4pm. Stalls are available to hire at a cost of R250 each. All payments can be made through our parish office by 20th May.

Please wear anything **YELLOW** on the day.

### **Program for the day:**

**09h00** Adoration with Confession

**10h00** Rosary Procession

**11h00** Holy Mass

**12h30** onwards Fellowship, stalls, games, Kiddies Corner and entertainment for all.

Please join us for an amazing day.