

John

To know *why* John wrote a gospel is probably the best way towards understanding it and its relevance to all times, as people drift from religious practice to indifference. John wrote it so that Christians might not give up during persecution but might go on believing in Jesus as the Christ.

John was written for Jewish Christians who had emigrated from Judea and found themselves in other parts of the Roman empire. The Temple having been flattened in about 70 A.D., new forms of Jewish worship evolved around synagogues. Christians of Jewish background identified with their exiled kinsmen, their own flesh and blood. They still sang the psalms and read from the books of Moses and the prophets. But their fellow Jews became increasingly intolerant of Christian Jews and excommunicated them from the synagogues. John recalls the prediction of Jesus: "They will drive you out of the synagogues" (John 16:2). So, John writes his gospel as a reminder of this, and to encourage members of his community to *continue to believe* in Jesus. The phrase "continue to believe" occurs frequently. John is not written as an evangelical gospel aiming to make new converts. Rather, he encourages existing Christians to persevere in their faith.

To this end, John's mode of teaching is relevant, or more accurately, the way he presents *Jesus' mode of teaching* is. He portrays a Jesus who encounters different characters, engaging with them, involving himself in all the ambiguities of their lives, teaching them, and leading them to transformation. The story of the Samaritan woman at the well is a case in point. Jesus systematically flattens

the many barriers she puts up against him, gradually leading her to full insight. There are many others: Nicodemus, Doubting Thomas, the man born blind, Mary Magdalene, and of

course, Peter, whose personality was impulsive and outspoken, yet he was also loyal and humble. Jesus, the Teacher, is patient as he leads each one to deeper understanding. This should give us hope in our own quest of faith.

As a teacher, Jesus tells stories. In John's gospel, the stories are not the made-up ones like the parables of the other gospels, but "live" biographical

sketches of characters in which Jesus himself plays an active part. Many of them, like the story of the Samaritan woman and the man born blind, have a dramatic element. John – or rather, Jesus in John's Gospel – also loves the use of symbolism to represent ideas. There are some things that words cannot convey. Human beings also learn through metaphor, symbolism and irony.

In John's Gospel, *misunderstanding* is one of Jesus' favourite teaching methods, using double entendre, or double meaning. Jesus uses a word one way; his dialogue partner takes it another way. Initial misinterpretation serves Jesus' purpose as he leads Nicodemus, for example, from confusion to clarity, or the woman at the well from a literal meaning of water to a spiritual interpretation. This method is more significant than simply learning from mistakes. Jesus' teaching takes one right into the heart of the mystery. He pushes those he encounters out of their comfort zones and challenges them to the ways God is working in their lives. John's gospel speaks to us all!



The four winged creatures representing the Four Evangelists on the Romanesque tympanum at the church of St Trophime, Arles, France.

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:7-10.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 112.

RESPONSE:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. A light rises in the darkness for the upright,
he is generous, merciful and just.
It goes well for the man who deals
generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice. **R**
2. He will never be moved;
forever shall the just be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord. **R**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm forever.
His might shall be exalted in glory. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Redemptorist PARISH MISSION

A parish mission – or retreat – is a time of renewal, evangelization, and conversion, rooted in the very identity of the Church. From her earliest days, the Church has gathered the faithful to rekindle faith, deepen prayer, and renew the spirit of discipleship.

Typically, a mission includes:

- Morning Mass
- Midday Novena & Exposition
- Evening Mission Service
- Confession

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 9 Feb Liturgy of the Day

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Psalm 132; Mark 6:53-56

"Gratitude, real thankfulness, is a mental return to the moment of need ... Gratitude requires returning to that moment of need even after the need has been met." – Dr Yolanda Pierce

Tue 10 Feb St Scholastica, V

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Psalm 84; Mark 7:1-13

St Scholastica's life is an example of the balance between prayer, work, and service, much like the balance exemplified by Mary and Martha in the Gospels.

Wed 11 Feb (Our Lady of Lourdes)

1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37; Mark 7:14-23

The message of Lourdes is ultimately about encountering Jesus Christ. Mary's presence guides people to her son and encourages them to "Do whatever he tells you," as she instructed the servants at Cana.

Thu 12 Feb Liturgy of the Day

1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106; Mark 7:24-30

God's love for us never wavers. It continually flows through us. God waits for us to accept the love and forgiveness that is constantly being poured into our hearts, and to share that love with others.

Fri 13 Feb Liturgy of the Day

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalm 81; Mark 7:31-37

"When we hear that we are blessed, we should hear as well a sense of responsibility. A blessing given, a talent bestowed, if unappreciated and unused, is wasted." – Amy-Jill Levine, *Sermon on the Mount*

Sat 14 Feb St Cyril, Mk & Methodius, B

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalm 106; Mark 8:1-10

The example of Ss Cyril and Methodius is still relevant today, inspiring us to find creative and personal ways to share our faith with others, meeting people where they are, and building trust.

Sun 15 Feb 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 15:16-20; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:17-37

We must become aware of the place where we stand, and live, in God. It is only when we are rooted in God that we can enjoy the refreshing sustenance and peace that only God can give.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 2026

7	Sat	18h00	RIP Joe Coutinho Healing of body and Soul for Belinda
8	Sun	08h00	Rip Augusta & Fernando Moutinho & Palmira Dias RIP Andrea Bruni Birthday blessings for Gabriel de Olim For the conversion of Joseph Mogale
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Eduardo Furriel 8 th year anniversary
		18h00	RIP ML da Costa Congratulations to Manny and Dolores De Atouguia on 60 years of marriage
9	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
10	Tues	18h00	In celebration of our 46 th wedding anniversary
11	Wed	18h00	For all special intentions
12	Thu	18h00	Thanksgiving for prayers answered
13	Fri	18h00	We pray for all those seeking employment



We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers: Gordon Milburn, Lyn Bogle, Andrea Strydom, Heloise Steenkamp, Veronica Wheater, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Moira Lottering, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Leo Vest and Miriam Marais

We would appreciate an update every 2nd month as to whether they stay on the list or if they are well enough to be removed. Should you wish to add a loved one to our sick list please send their details to secretary@christking.org.za

PARISH NOTICES

NGOME TRIP FEBRUARY 2026:

The Ngome trip on the weekend of the 18th of September 2026. We are inviting all interested parishioners 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 All payments must be received by the end of July 2026 for the bus to be booked. Please keep proof of all payments made for reconciliation purposes. Please use the main account STD Bank 011564733 referencing your name and Ngome.

CATECHISM SPRED TEACHERS NEEDED:

We are currently seeking Catechism SPRED teachers. If you require more information, please contact Claire 0795148824.

COMBONI VISIT TO PARISH:

Fr Edgar Vizcarra will be visiting the parish to promote the Worldwide magazine and the Comboni Missionary work.

CATECHISM EMAIL ADDRESS:

catechism@christking.org.za Going forward please send all enquiries and registration documents to this address.

SECOND COLLECTION BISHOPS LENTEN

APPEAL:

This will start on the weekend of the 22nd of February and end on the weekend of 29th of March 2026. Please give generously.

BAPTISMS

We do baptisms on the First Sunday of every month except during Lent. The next baptism date is the 12th of April. Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Daniel. The parents along with the Godparents must attend a class then the baptism date can be set.

WEDDINGS:

All those wishing to get religiously married must please contact the parish priest before booking your **wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that must be considered.

REPOSITORY NEWS:

The Book, **In Your Arms Lord** by Fr Gabriel Kwedho IMC is available for purchase in the repository. The hours are every Sunday between 7h15 and 9h45am and for 30mins after the 10am Mass. 50% off repository stock books and leaflets until all are sold !!!!

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All those who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check. **Please continue to support our Parish via the banking details or the attached Snapscan code**
Email details: Finance@christking.org.za

Banking details:

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

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Scan the SnapCode to complete the payment.



Queenswood Catholic Church

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LENTEN MASS TIMES



ASH WEDNESDAY 18th FEB MASS TIMES

06H00 – MORNING MASS

08H00 – SCHOOL MASS

12H00 – MID DAY MASS

18H00 – PARISH MASS

MASSES DURING THE WEEK:

06H00 AND 18H00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AFTER 18H00 MASS DURING LENT

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 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.

ITS PANCAKE TIME AGAIN:

As we prepare for the season of Lent (Shrove Sunday) we will be selling pancakes on Sunday the 15th of Feb after the 8am and 10am Mass. Please support us. We need assistance with the following ingredients: Flour, eggs, brown sugar, baking powder, milk, golden / maple syrup, 10 pans, serviettes, paper plates and plenty of hands. To volunteer please contact Lato 0847644205

