

Palm Sunday

In one of the forms of prayer known as imaginative meditation, you place yourself in a biblical narrative and imagine yourself as one of the characters or images in the story. A popular example is the story of the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4, where you imagine yourself as the well itself, and Jesus asks you to let a spiritual "bucket" down into the depth of your being, haul it up and then offer it to him, with whatever comes to the surface.

St Teresa of Avila often travelled around by donkey, so in prayer she may have imagined herself like Jesus in the Palm Sunday narrative today of Jesus riding on a donkey. But there was a twist on one occasion. There is a story (perhaps apocryphal) about her using a donkey to illustrate a moment of humorous complaint to God in prayer, when God gave her a lesson in humility. Teresa was once thrown from a donkey into the mud. Complaining to God about the hardship, she said, "Lord, why would you let this happen?" God answers: "Teresa, this is how I treat my friends." To which Teresa retorts: "No wonder you have so few!"

This exchange highlights her pragmatic, down-to-earth personality and is often used to emphasize Christian lessons on humility and accepting suffering as a sign of God's favour.

Saint Teresa has a fellow Spanish saint who more overtly does see himself in the Palm Sunday narrative of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey. This saint is Josemaría Escrivá, closer to our time, 1902-1975. He is

known for having a deep, personal devotion to the humble donkey that Jesus used during his entry into Jerusalem. St Josemaría often drew spiritual conclusions from this Gospel

scene, reflecting on humility and service. He emphasized that Jesus, the King of Kings, chose a poor, simple donkey as his means of entry into Jerusalem.

St Josemaría often used this image to teach Christians that they should aspire to be like the donkey, a humble instrument that carries Christ to others, without seeking personal glory. If we allow Jesus to reign in us as king, he will make do with a poor animal to ride on, transforming our imperfections into a means of serving him and bringing him to the world.

True, it might be difficult imagining oneself as a donkey carrying Christ, but it is not an uncommon image that Christians have reflected on, emphasizing being a humble, ordinary vessel that God uses to do good in the world. Getting back to Saint Teresa, she said that "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours...". Through our baptism and confirmation into Christ, we have committed ourselves to the mission of carrying him to others. Those with the name Christopher have an added advantage. The name means one who carries Christ. But on this Palm Sunday we all have the right and duty to assume that name, more properly its deeper meaning, as we carry Christ to others by our humility, our acts of charity and service, and our mission to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world.



SUNDAY MASS

PROCESSION ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

PSALMS: 24 and 47

FIRST READING (MASS): Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22

RESPONSE:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights'. **R**
2. For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. **R**
3. They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me! **R**
4. I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel'. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him; and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 30 Mar HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27; John 12:1-11

In your prayer each day this week, enter into Jesus' last days, from his entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and resurrection, experiencing his story as your own.

Tue 31 Mar HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71; John 13:21-33.36-38

Use this holy time for deeper prayer on the selfless love shown in Jesus' willingness to suffer and die; and on fasting, reconciliation, and preparing your hearts for the joy of Easter.

Wed 1 Apr HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69; Matthew 26:14-25

"There are some who say that true freedom means thinking only about ourselves, enjoying life, doing whatever we want without regard for others. This is not freedom, but a hidden slavery." – Pope Francis

Thu 2 Apr HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; Psalm 116; John 13:1-15

This night marks the establishment of a New Covenant through Christ's sacrifice, a new priesthood, and a new Passover. Christ's sacrificial, servant leadership, urges us to serve others in humility.

Fri 3 Apr GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31; John 18:1-19:42

Today we are invited to stand at the foot of the Cross, reflecting on the immenseness of God's love shown in his Son's pain and surrender; and on God's solidarity with all human pain.

Sat 4 Apr HOLY SATURDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104; Mark 16:1-7

Help me, dear Lord, to enter into the sorrow and the silence of this Holy Saturday. As I keep vigil, awaiting the celebration of your Resurrection, fill me with hope.

Sun 5 Apr RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34.37-43; Psalm 118; Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection is the ultimate victory over sin and death, offering hope, new life, and transformation through God's infinite love. We are called to share his joy, show mercy, and live in the power of the Risen Christ.

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)

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MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 2026

28	Sat	18h00	RIP Maria Grzywnowicz RIP José Batista Rodrigues
29	Sun	08h00	RIP Maria Grzywnowicz RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho & Palmira Dias RIP Maria dos Reis Ferreira RIP José Batista Rodrigues Special intention for Couples getting married
		10h30	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Maria Grzywnowicz RIP Christopher Camsu RIP Colin & Dinah Creighton
		18h00	NO EVENING MASS
30	Mon	06H00 18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE RIP Maria Grzywnowicz
31	Tues	06H00 18h00	Soul of Giorgio Redivo RIP Maria Grzywnowicz
01	Wed	10H00 18h00	CHRISM MASS @ Zwavelpoort PASCHAL MEAL – No evening mass
02	Thu	19H00	Holy Thursday
03	Fri	13H00 14H00 15H00	Stations of the Cross Divine Mercy Good Friday Service

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Kevin Demmer, Gerty Carmichael, Harold de Jongh, Lionel Peters, Gordon Milburn, Lyn Bogle, Andrea Strydom, Veronica Wheeler, 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.

I would appreciate an update every 2nd month as to whether they are well enough to be removed from the list.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

You are invited to the Parish AGM that will be held on the 12 April 2026 at 12h00 in the Denis Adami Hall. The agenda, as well as previous years minutes and financial reports will be made available prior to the AGM. This will be followed by a **bring and share** Parish birthday celebration for Fr Daniel whose birthday is on the 2nd of April. All are invited to attend.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH:

We will be cleaning the church for Easter on the 4th of April at 09h00. Please bring along mops and brooms and cleaning agents.

HOLY THURSDAY: Please bring along non-perishables for the outreach.

SPRED:

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the SPRED program. Please contact Catarina on 0813413583 or Jordy on 0614128918 if you are interested in this ministry.

PASCHAL MEAL:

The Paschal meal will be held on the 1st of April in the Adami Hall at 18h00. Tickets will be R200 per person. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend. His Lordship Auxiliary Bishop Selemela will be the guest of honour.

KAIROS LADIES PRISON MINISTRY:

Demonstrate selfless, sacrificial & unconditional love. Buy meal tickets or sign up for the prayer vigil or make place mats, slips for prayer chains or posters. Want to know more, speak to Mitta after Mass or contact 083 643 7476. We will be selling Kairos tickets after all the masses.

BAPTISMS:

We will be having baptisms on the 12th of April after the 10am Mass.

WEDDINGS:

All those wishing to be religiously married in the Parish must please contact the parish office **before booking the wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that need to be discussed.

REPOSITORY:

The hours are Sunday 07h45 till 09h45 and 30 min after the 10h00 mass

PARISH FINANCES

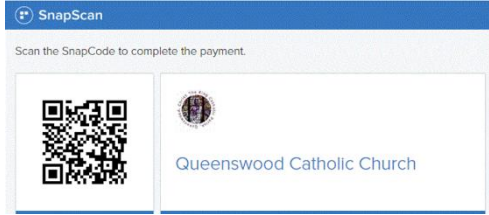
TITHING: All those who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check.

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Main Account No. 011564733
Tithing Account No. 011181230

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

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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.**

LENTEN NEWS

PALM SUNDAY 29th March wear RED
Sat 18h00,
Sunday 08h00 and 10h30
NO 18h00 EVENING MASS

HOLY THURSDAY 2nd April wear
WHITE @ 19h00

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April wear RED @
13h00 Stations of the Cross

14h00 Divine Mercy

15h00 Service – AUX BISHOP SELEMELA

HOLY SATURDAY 4th April wear
WHITE @ 19h00 Bring your own
candle and holder

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April wear
WHITE @ 09h00 No other masses

LAST MORNING MASS ON THE 31st MARCH

A poster for the RCIA program. It features a circular logo for Christ the King Parish Outreach Queenswood on the left and the RCIA logo on the right. The text reads: 'RCIA - Come and See', 'STARTING 21 APRIL 18:00 pm', 'Every Tuesday night', 'Venue : In Denis Adimi Centre'. Below this is the question 'Are you considering becoming Catholic or know someone who is?'. The bottom section states: 'The RCIA program at Christ The King Catholic Church Queenswood welcomes unbaptized persons, baptized non-Catholic Christians, and baptized Catholics who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith. Attend, ask questions, and find out more.' At the very bottom, it says 'For more information about the RCIA Program, contact' followed by three contact points: Luchas STEENKAMP at steenkamp.l@icloud.com or (083) 704-1745; Judite PREVOST at (082) 254-8580; and Felicity Mullan at (072) 211-1165.

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