



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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RESPECT – COMPASSION – SERVICE – PEACE & JOY

We encourage parents to enrol children well before their fifth birthday. You are welcome to visit the classroom before your child starts so you can meet the teacher and observe classroom routines.

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 am

Daily Mass Times

Monday

Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion 9.00 am

Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday

9.00 am **Friday** 10.00 am

Mass of Anointing

Every First Friday of the Month 10.00 am

Exposition/Benediction

Thursday 9.30 am



Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30 am after
morning Mass
or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered to anyone in danger of death.

Please call the parish office. If you are sick or undergoing surgery you are welcome to seek the Sacrament of Anointing any time after Mass or by appointment.



Planned Giving Scheme

If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Scheme please fill in the Parish Registration Form available from the table in the foyer. For every dollar you donate, you get 33.33 cents back a tax credit.



260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

"To live by faith, to be known by love and to be a voice of hope"

29 September 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, he will most certainly not lose his reward.



"Cut it off" and "Pluck it out."

Friendship is different from charity. We owe charity to all people, even those who are the most sinful. But acting with charity toward others is different from being friends with them. To be a friend implies mutual giving and receiving. And though we must always give of ourselves to others, we ought not always receive from them when what they have to offer is an invitation to sin. This is how we "cut it off" and "pluck it out." When another person tries to relate to us in such a way that they lead us into sin, we must take that temptation very seriously and reject it with much vigour.

Reflect upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination.

Eliminating Occasions of Sin

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out...” (Mark 9:43-47)

Sometimes we need to wake up to the horror of sin. Sin and sin alone is capable of sending you to hell. Hell is real, and going there for eternity is a real possibility. Therefore, we must do whatever it takes to avoid that frightful possibility. This teaching from Jesus might not, at first, be thought of as one of His most inspiring teachings, but it should be. It's not inspiring in the sense that it is quite graphic. But it is very inspiring in the sense that it has the potential to motivate us to action.

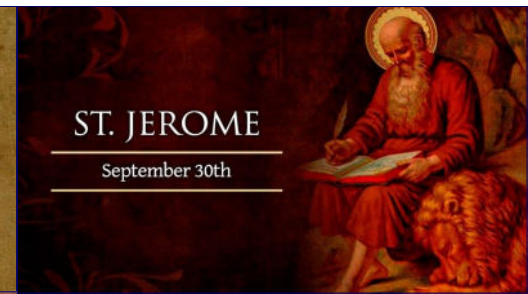
Are you motivated to do all that you can to avoid sin? Would you even go so far as to cut off your hand or foot, and to pluck out your eye so as to avoid sin? First of all, this should not be seen as a literal command in which Jesus is telling us to mutilate ourselves. But He is the one Who chose such graphic language. Therefore, we should not shy away from pondering these images in a prayerful way so as to more clearly see those things that lead us into sin. When we see them, we must take the radical step of completely eliminating them from our lives.

Many of the Church Fathers say that the hand, foot and eye in this teaching refer to our friends. Just as a hand, foot and eye are good in and of themselves, so also are friends. We are made for friendship with God and with others. However, not every friendship helps us grow closer to God. Therefore, when an earthly friend becomes a source of sin, we must eliminate that friendship.

The hand, foot and eye in this teaching also represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. For example, consider material possessions. If buying a very expensive car, house, or electronic gadget tempts you to become more materialistic, then you must avoid buying it. People are drawn to nice things. But does possessing nice things help your soul to become holy? One could argue that they can have nice things, while at the same time remain spiritually detached from them. But this is difficult to live. The more luxurious our material possessions, the more tempted we will be to rely upon them for our happiness. Therefore, choosing to live simply is almost always better for your soul than choosing to live in luxury. This teaching also applies to anything else that could become a source of temptation.



STS. MICHAEL,
GABRIEL, RAPHAEL,
ARCHANGELS
September 29th



ST. JEROME
September 30th



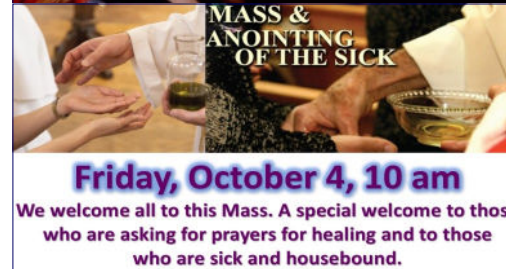
ST. THERESE OF
THE CHILD JESUS
October 1st



GUARDIAN ANGELS
October 2nd



OUR LADY OF
THE ROSARY
October 7th



MASS &
ANOINTING
OF THE SICK
Friday, October 4, 10 am
We welcome all to this Mass. A special welcome to those
who are asking for prayers for healing and to those
who are sick and housebound.



We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers,
are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill:

Sandra Shear, Max Joseph F Ng Lam, Madonna OTT-Fereti, Malia Afeak Finau
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Rev. Father Philip Handforth, Kenneth Rooney, Caroline Gommers, Clive Shear,
Irene O'Reilly, Jim McCann, Mick DrTerry Leadbetter, Frederick DeSousa, Eileen
Keane, Msgr Terry Leslie, Kathleen Aynsley, Mary Kemp, Seului Lipine Tuni

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.