



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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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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Fr Benedict

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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

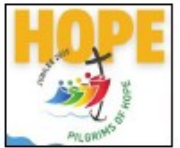
Anointing of the Sick

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 percentage 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"

23 March 2025



God of the Second Chance: Consider The fig tree

This seems a rather strange story about Galileans being killed by Pilate. They were no greater sinners than others, but people thought they were being punished by God. Jesus asks us to repent, but does not punish the sinner. Repent is the word of Lent - and followed by the invitation to believe the good news of the gospel.

A fig tree had three years to get good. It is a precious tree because it uses little water. This one has not produced its fruit. Is God the one to get rid of the tree or the one to give it another chance? God is the God of the second chance all the time.

He never gives up on his love! We may need to give God another chance.

We know we get angry at times. People find that many good things can happen even in bad times.

Let's have that faith and pray for it. God gives us chance after chance in our lives, as He wants our faith in him to grow.

We ask also that we now give the Church another chance. So this is a day of more chances, that life never folds up. We need to return more and more to the gospel and the goodness of so many people, which will lead us in our Church communities to Christ. We do not belittle some terrible things that happened, nor lessen our care for those abused, but ask to take a deeper step to the God who is the one giving and asking us for another chance! (Donal Neary S.J.)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
March 25th

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY
Reconciliation
Tuesday, 8 April, 7pm

"Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in Confession there is a chance for mercy."
— St. Isidore of Seville

STATIONS OF THE Cross

We read the story of Jesus' self-giving love in order to read and hear to what is already given to us in mercy.

Fridays in Lent at 7 pm in the Church

Second Collection
at all weekend Masses
BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL DONATION ENVELOPE
Available in the foyer

Caritas
AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND

Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday 10 am Mass

Volunteers required
Please email Marisa Lobo
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Central Deanery Lenten Reconciliation 2025

Owairaka
Tuesday 8 April 7 pm
Mount Albert
Thursday 27th March 7 pm

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Thanks for signing up for the ministries.
Training programme
on Saturday, 29 March at 2pm in the Church. Please attend.

Onehunga
Friday 28th March 7 pm
Balmoral
Tuesday 1st April 6 pm
Hillsborough
Light's On Tuesday & Wednesday
6-6:45 pm followed by Mass

BORN FOR
such a time as **THIS**

get set! A CHRISTIAN RETREAT FOR AGES 18 - 35

2-4 MAY 2025
HOUGHTONS BUSH CAMP, MURIWAI, AUCKLAND

\$80 Early Birds till 2nd April
\$90 Regular

Three Kings
Light's on every Wednesday 7 - 8 pm

DRC Monthly Praise and Worship & Mass
Sunday, 23 March 2025, 4 pm at Christ the King Parish Hall

TAKING A CLOSE LOOK

Today's readings are asking us to take a good look at ourselves. We are like that fig tree that Jesus speaks of in the parable in today's Gospel. It is alive but it bears no fruit. It should be cut down. The man responsible for the tree asks the owner to give it one more year. If after that, there is no fruit, it should be cut down. Every Lenten season is our chance to fertilise our tree and to see how it can be more fruitful. For some reading this, it may indeed be their last year, their last Lent to take care of their tree.

I am being called not merely to survive personally as a Christian, to 'hang in there' (just staying out of sin and being in the 'state of grace'). I am being called to grow continually in being a truly loving person, loving God and loving all those around me.

For instance, let us look at a few examples:
What kind of influence am I within my family circle?
In work, how do I relate with my colleagues and is my presence a positive element in our workplace?
What is my attitude towards strangers, that is, people I do not know and who are not 'useful' to me?
What kind of contribution (apart from giving money and being physically present in church) do I make to the life of the Christian community in that part of the world where I live?
In general, what kind of contribution could I be said to be making in my society, or do I expect society to satisfy only my needs and those of my immediate family?

TWO-WAY LOVE

On the one hand, I need to realise that God always and everywhere loves me. But that love is only fully completed in me when I become a genuinely loving and caring person, one who loves both God and others in word and action. There is no need for us ever to be afraid of God. He will never directly punish us or the world around us. But we do have the choice to come closer to him, to experience that love he is reaching out to us, to open ourselves to that love or, like the Prodigal Son, go our own way, separate ourselves from him and wallow in the cesspools of life. The choice is up to us. God's love is there for the taking. What are we waiting for?

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Peter Bowden, Lourdes Barneto,
Chandra Fernando, Donald Matheson

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.