



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.

Parish Office

Phone: 09 626 7744

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Facebook.com/christthekingnz

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Parish Staff

Parish Priest

Fr Benedict Francis

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Parish Secretary

& Hall Bookings

Esther Tu'u

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Custodians

Anae & Lesina 021 1391210

For Baptisms and Marriages

please contact the office or email
Fr Benedict

Sacristan/Rosters

Jerome Tuni 021 0693209

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

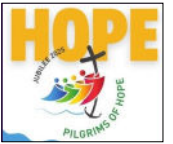
The Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick
is offered to anyone in
danger of death.

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

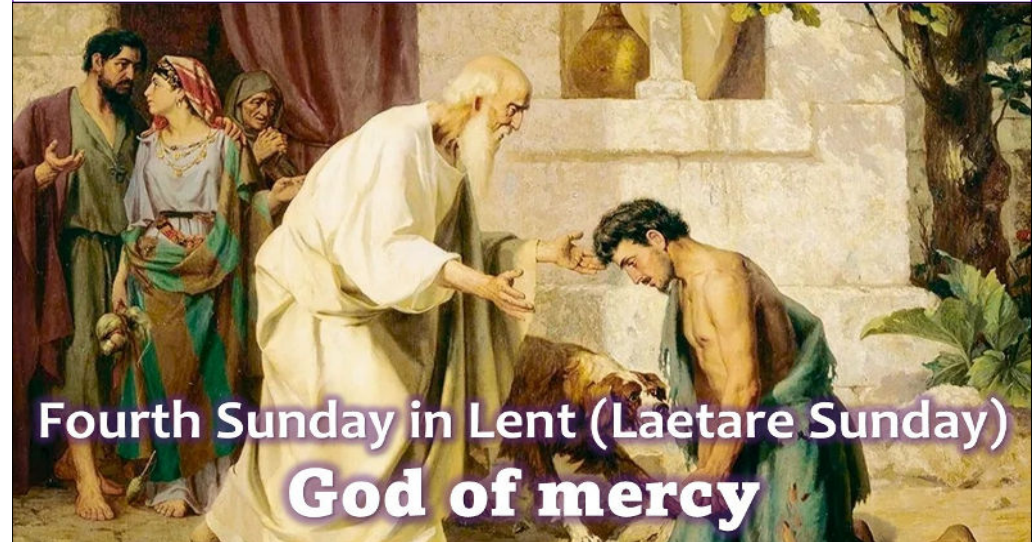
If you would like to join the Parish Planned
Giving Scheme please fill in the Parish
Registration Form available from the table
in the foyer. For every dollar you donate,
you get 33 percentage back a tax credit.



260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

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

30 March 2025



Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) God of mercy

The Gospel today is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it. Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... 'give me the legacy Da'. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return. Look at what happened when he came home - mercy took over - the run, robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness. It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son. The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong - often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful. And even when we can't do this - like the elder son - we are still loved. The father says - All I have is yours. God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.
(Donal Neary S.J.)



MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK

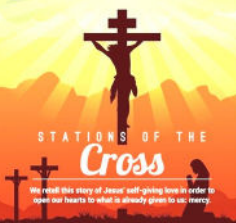
Friday, 4 March at 10 am Mass

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Reconciliation

Tuesday, 8 April, 7 pm

"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 recall this story of Jesus' self-giving love in order to open our hearts to what is already given to us every day.

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
NOTFARIA NEW ZEALAND

Easter Play on Sunday, 20 April, 9 am Mass

Children who interested to join please contact
Marisa Lobo
marisa_lobo@hotmail.com



Central Deanery Lenten Reconciliation 2025

Owairaka
Tuesday 8 April 7 pm

Balmoral
Tuesday 1st April 6 pm

Hillsborough
Light's On Tuesday & Wednesday
6:45 pm followed by Mass


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

Rest in Peace

Irudayam
(Fr Benedict's dad)

(9 June 1943 – 19 March 2025)

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him"



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BORN FOR THIS such a time as THIS

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

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

Join us for the

17th Annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD!

Each year, hundreds of people from across Auckland come together in a powerful public witness of faith. Gather at 9:00 AM at Albert Park Rotunda. Procession concludes at 11:00 AM at St Patrick's Cathedral.
18th of April 2025

Conversion through Fellowship with Jesus

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called "Laetare Sunday". Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. In today's Gospel Jesus tells the story of Prodigal Son which is unique to the Gospel of Luke. The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honours him with a party. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

It could be said that there are two important journeys in the great parable of the Prodigal Son. One is that of the younger brother who realises the foolishness of his ways and turns towards home not sure what to expect and certainly not expecting what he finds there. The other journey is, at least in distance, much shorter. It is that of the older brother who remains out in the fields unable to make the brief trip home because of his rage and anger. In Lent the focus is usually on the long return home but it might well be that for many of us the real challenge is to recognise in ourselves the desire to limit God's mercy to those we consider worthy. Such a mind-set may still keep us away from our true home with the Father. Jesus invites us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. Jesus reaches out to sinners inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God.

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:

Maliana Asini, Terry Page, Mary Davidson, Mary Bird, Bill Bird, Bryan Paynter, Herbert Mayall, Mary Kiely, Herb Mayall, Sione Latailakepa, Len James, Michael Abraham, Lyn Insley, Malia Tualofa, Frank Neven, Feui Fa'alogoifo Ta'atiti Setu

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.