

CHRIST THE KING PARISH DIRECTORY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Please contact the Office

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

As Catholics we believe that all of us are created in the image of God. Therefore, we must ensure that our parish is a safe place where all are treated with respect. Everyone has a responsibility to protect our parish whanau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumatua, from harm and abuse by fostering a surrounding which is safe and welcoming. For any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding & Complains Officer is Wilfrid Rodrigues. Contact via email: safeguardingandcomplaints@christthekingparish.org.nz. You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards at 0800 114 662 or the Police at 111.

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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. Phone: (09) 626 7123, Website: www.ctk.school.nz

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 6:00 pm

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday : 9:00 am

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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.

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 as tax credit.

Christ the King

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

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



Third Sunday of Lent
08 March 2026

The well is deep

A famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image - and the image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life is the presence of Jesus. In the depths of the well, when we are in love, pain, death, decision, joy, we find God. God is near when we are near to our-selves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companionship - and God offers all this. This is the offering of God - the living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion - the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people. In the depths of the well we are all equal. We find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into the depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put conditions on God's mercy - naming our sins, or numbering them. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy. Of the mercy of God, Pope Francis says that 'there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase from the mind or heart of God even one of the children he has created' (November 2013).
(Fr. Donal Neary S.J.)

Dear Friends,

First of all a big thank you for such kindnesses shown me last week when we celebrated my 47th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. It made the week all the more memorable. What a delight to have our Parish School with us for Mass last Sunday- we are lucky to have such a lovely school at the heart of our Parish. Thank you to all who made arrangements for our school to be present at Mass, and the many who contributed food and assistance at the Parish Morning Tea that followed.

Secondly, this week I have two meetings of groups that involve me in some commitments outside of the parish. On Tuesday we have a meeting in the city of the Council of Priests. The priests of our City Central Deanery elected me as their representative on the Council of Priests. On Wednesday I am at a meeting of the Permanent Deacons Steering Group which oversees the ongoing formation of our current Permanent Deacons and also has responsibility for the preparation and training of future permanent deacons. Deacon Jana Nair of our parish is also a member of this group. This coming Saturday I am leading a Retreat morning here for the Permanent Deacons of the Diocese.

Lastly, as I write this (last Tuesday) the current outbreak of hostilities between the United States of America, Israel and Iran is dominating the world scene. We hope and pray for peace to prevail.

Loving and upholding you all from here- **Father John**

Christ the King Church

Stations of the Cross : Every Friday during Lent from 7:00pm.

Baptism Class & Baptism

Class—Thursday 12 March, 7pm
In the **Church** instead of the meeting room
Baptism—Sunday 22 March, 11am (after 10am Mass)

Lenten Reconciliation Rite II

Thursday 26 March at 7:00pm

Palms for Palm Sunday

We invite everyone to assist in bringing palm branches (or other suitable greenery) for our Palm Sunday services. These will be used in our procession as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Please bring your palms to the church on Saturday 28 March before 12pm, so that they can be prepared in advance. Thank you for your help in making this celebration truly meaningful and beautiful!

Lent Webinar Series : “From Ashes to Hope” - Caritas Aotearoa New

Zealand Journey : Lent Webinar Series involving our Catholic Bishops, sessions are for 1 hour starting from 7:30pm. For all dates: <https://link.caritas.org.nz/lentweb1regiamong>. LRP Resource link which contains the Gospel readings - <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources>.

Kairos New Zealand : Kairos New Zealand are hosting our Annual ‘GetSet’ retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai, from Friday 17 April 2026 6pm onwards to Sunday 19 April 2026 2.45pm. This is the 12th year of GetSet and it promises to be a special one. We invite all young adults aged 18-35 years to attend. The Theme this year is “Be Transformed” based on Romans 12:2. The retreat is filled with insightful talks, Praise and Worship, Workshop, Games and above all an opportunity to grow in your faith, widen your friend circle and have fun in doing all of this. To register please check out the poster on the church notice board or pick up a flyer. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/getset2026 . For more information, please contact Karyn Coutinho 021-806855 or email getset.auckland@gmail.com

WYD 2027 Webinars : In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year’s webinar series, “Take Courage! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) Retreat & Seminar :

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on March 20 and 21. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email

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 (07 — 13 March):

Tom Meleisea, Nicholas Humby, Aloysius Bonsley, Neville Rodrigues, Jane Aspen, Rudolf Braganza, Neville Fernandes, Elena Fanene, Rose Quiney

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.