

CHRIST THE KING PARISH DIRECTORY

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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 & Complaints 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.



260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19. Rom 8 :26-27 Mt 13:24 -30

19 July 2025

Small Beginnings

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed in the mother's body, and grew with the plan of God.

The love of God grows like that - it begins small with birth and with bap-tism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage - love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

We want the kingdom of God on earth and God is saying that it grows slowly. It grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging our parish to be 'an oasis of mercy' (Pope Francis). It is not easy, as love and care for the really needy of-ten meets with opposition. The kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain. (Fr. Donal Neary, S.J.)

Core message : We are reminded to: Endure imperfections in ourselves and others without rushing to condemnation; Recognize that true strength lies in gentleness and forgiveness, not domination; Participate in God's kingdom by nurturing small acts of faith, love, and service, trusting that they will grow in ways we may not immediately see. We are called to reflect these qualities in our own lives, showing patience, kindness, and hope while leaving ultimate judgment and transformation to God.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your understanding as to why we have to change our Thursday and Friday Mass times just for this coming week to **8.00am both days**. This is because we are hosting the Bishops and around 70 priests of the Diocese at a two day seminar here on Thursday/Friday with Father Paul Turner, a US based expert on the Liturgy of the Mass. This in-service event for our priests commences at 9.30am each day so we have had to adjust our Mass timetable just for this week accordingly. We will have a Day for the Laity here with Fr Paul Turner on Saturday next from 10.00am to 2.00pm so although we will have our usual parish Mass at 9.00am please note that **I must finish Confessions by 10.00am this coming Saturday.**

We have nearly 40 young ones enrolled for our Parish Sacramental Programme which begins today. Please pray for them and their families on this important journey. We also welcome our School back from holidays this week and our Principal, Billy Hadnett, who was on sabbatical leave last term. Our school is a great blessing in the life of our Parish.

Last Tuesday, 14th July, it was exactly one year since the devastating fire that completely destroyed St Mary's Parish Church in Avondale. This has been a great grief for Avondale parishioners and it is good we have been able to play our small part here in making their priests and people most welcome, especially by enabling them to provide a 6.00pm Sunday evening Mass for their parishioners here at Christ the King Church. The good news is that Avondale parish are close to completing the re-purposing of their parish hall (which was the original church) into a usable temporary Church while they await decisions about a proper rebuild. They hope to perhaps have the restored Hall into a usable Church by the end of this month, and if and when that happens they will be able to resume Sunday morning Masses at Avondale and relocate their Sunday evening Mass being currently held here at CTK back to Avondale. Once they relocate back to Avondale there will no longer be a Sunday 6.00pm Mass here because it will have returned to Avondale. Check the Avondale Catholic Parish website for further details.

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

Second Collection for Caring Foundation this weekend



There will be a second collection after Holy Communion today. Please support Bishop Steve's annual appeal and help those in poverty be seen, heard, and helped. A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers and sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses and food and housing insecurity.

All eftpos donations received will go towards the Caring Foundation.

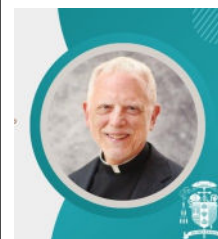
NOTICES

CTK Food Festival 2026

When : Sunday 30 August
Where : Christ the King Parish Hall
Time : 11:00am - 1:00pm
(straight after 10am Mass)
Raffle Prizes : 1 pig roast & 3 cakes
Stalls : Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to run a stall
Note : The proceeds raised will go towards the ongoing maintenance and repairs of our Parish facilities.



*** Raffle tickets for Food Festival :** On sale at \$5.00 a ticket, Church foyer. Don't miss your chance to win while helping a great cause! Eftpos and cash accepted.



*** Paul Turner Ars Celebrandi Workshop :** A special workshop on the Sacred Liturgy with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner.
Date: Saturday 25th July, **Venue:** Christ the King Church, Owairaka, 260 Richardson Rd, Mt Roskill. **Time:** Parish Mass @ 9am Sessions start at 10am to 2.30pm. Morning Tea provided. BYO Lunch please. Koha welcomed. **Register at :** www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/paul-turner/

*** Grandparents Mass :** Marriage & Family Life warmly invites you to a special Mass for Grandparents as we give thanks for the love, wisdom, and faith that grandparents and older people share with our families and communities. We especially encourage grandchildren to bring their grandparents, and everyone is welcome to bring an elderly person in their life whom they would like to honour. St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street (corner of Federal Street), Auckland **Sunday, 26 July at 4:30pm.** Reduced parking fees apply. Come and celebrate together as one family in faith. We look forward to welcoming you!

*** Overcome Addictions by Fr Robert Steele :** Fr Robert Steele, who struggled with alcohol addiction before his ordination but has just marked 25 years of sobriety, has published A Journey of Hope: Combating Pornography on the Internet. All are welcome. Tuesday 28 July 2026, 7pm-8pm. St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay.

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 (18 – 24 July):

Isukuki Fereti, Alma Burnand, Antonius de Pont, Lawrie Miranda, Telesia Kaisia Tuiatua, Sebastian Fernandes, John Francis Conroy, Wilhelmus Verheijen, Beryl Cox, Fa'aso'otauloa Toso Mati, Judith Brace, Malia Faite Laua, Philomena Sarju, Murray Adlington

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.