

CHRIST THE KING PARISH DIRECTORY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

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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"



**16 August 2026
Patronal Feast of
Aotearoa, NZ**

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In 1838, Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier stood on the shores of this land and celebrated his first Mass here. In that moment, he entrusted the mission of Aotearoa New Zealand to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of her Assumption. It was a simple act, but one filled with deep faith — a declaration that this new mission and this new people would be placed under the loving care of a Mother who had already reached the fullness of God's promise.

The Assumption is not simply about Mary's reward; it is about our destiny. In Mary, we see the first fruits of the resurrection promised to all who believe in Christ. She is the living proof that God's promises are trustworthy.

When Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Luke 1:45), she was speaking of a faith that never wavered — through joy, through uncertainty, through the shadow of the Cross. That same faith is what God calls us to live today. Mary's Assumption tells us: Our bodies matter — they are temples of the Holy Spirit, destined for glory; Our lives have purpose — every "yes" to God shapes eternity; Our hope is secure — death is not the end, but the doorway to life with God.

As Patroness of our nation, Mary is not a distant figure in the clouds. She walks with us in our struggles for justice, in our care for creation, in our desire to be a people of peace. In Māori tradition, the land is whenua, the place of our birth and belonging. Mary, assumed into heaven, reminds us that our true whenua is in God — yet she also teaches us to cherish and protect the land and people entrusted to us here. Bishop Pompallier's act of consecration was not just a historical moment; it was a spiritual covenant. It means that as a nation, we are invited to live under Mary's mantle — to imitate her openness to God, her compassion for the poor, her courage in the face of challenge.

Today, as we honour Mary assumed into heaven, we also renew our dedication as a people. Let us entrust our homes, our parishes, our land, and our future to her care. May we, like her, believe that the promises of the Lord will be fulfilled. And may we live so that one day, we too will share in the glory she now enjoys — the glory of being fully alive in the presence of God.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

There may well be people visiting with us at Mass today who are not members of the Catholic Church. You are most welcome and we would like to offer you the opportunity to join the Catholic Church. We have a beautiful process for preparing and welcoming adults into the Catholic Church known as the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** or to give it a local name: **Come And See**. If you would like to find out more please join us for a no obligation Information Evening we are holding here at the Church on **Friday 04 September at 7.00pm**. Please feel free to invite friends or family to this evening where we will outline the process (which basically runs from September through until Easter 2027) and answer questions. We do ask that you register your intention to attend the Information Night by emailing Esther at the Parish Office (parishoffice@christthekingparish.org.nz) by Monday 31st August at the latest. Please see the notice about **Come And See** below this message for a bit more information.

I wish you all a very happy Feast Day today as we honour the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into Heaven. Because Mother Mary is with God in Heaven we can confidently call upon her to **"pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen"**.

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

MAORI PASTORAL CARE - SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This money is used to fund initiatives, schools, and projects of the Auckland Diocesan Māori community. All eftpos donations received on the weekend of **22-23 August** will go towards the Maori Pastoral Care Special Collection.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS FROM CHRIST THE KING PARISH

I met on Thursday night (13th August) with a dozen or so Pilgrims (plus several parents) intending to go to Seoul in South Korea at the end of July through mid-August 2027 to join with Pope Leo XIV at **World Youth Day**. We know of several others from the Parish who have registered as well and so, at this stage, we number fifteen or so. That is a great proportion of the 250 the Diocese would like to send. Registrations definitely close on 30th September 2026 so if there are other 18-35 year olds from the Parish who would like to join us please let me know urgently via email (frjohnfitzmaurice@gmail.com). We already have a WhatsApp World Youth Day Pilgrims Chat Group set up for those intending to go, so we can bond and keep in touch. For further information all about World Youth Day go to wyd27.org.nz. **(Father John)**

COME AND SEE: EXPLORING JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - OUR PROCESS IN CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Through the year we often receive enquiries from adults who are either not baptised at all, or who may have been baptised long ago in another Church or who have been members of another Church, about joining the Catholic Church. We do have an annual process for this here in our parish and it is called the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (often shortened to OCIA)** and given an easy name to remember like **COME AND SEE**. We are inviting any adults who might be interested in exploring this to a one hour meeting here at Christ the King Church **on Friday 04th September at 7.00pm**. Father John and our **Come and See Coordinators Dominic & Bessie D'Sa** and members of our team will be there to describe the journey we will begin later in September and which should conclude around Easter next year. If you come along you are under no obligation whatsoever- it is just an information session for any Adults thinking about possibly joining the Catholic Church. All we ask is that you register your interest (so we know who and how many might be attending) by emailing the Parish Office (parishoffice@christthekingparish.org.nz), by **Monday 31st August at the latest. (Fr John)**

NOTICES

* **Inner Healing Retreat** : Divine Retreat Centre, New Zealand (DRC-NZ) is organizing an Inner Healing Retreat led by Fr (Dr) Antony Parankimalil, VC, Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Rwanda. The retreat is being held in Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington from 28th August to 4th September 2026. All are welcome. No registration required. Koha gracefully accepted. Auckland - Christ the King Church, Owairaka : 28th August – Friday from 6pm to 9pm / 29th August – Saturday from 11am to 5pm / 30th August – Sunday from 1pm to 5pm / 31st August to 3rd September – Monday to Thursday from 6pm to 9pm / 4th September – Friday from 6pm to 9pm at Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton. We appreciate your support in our mission of evangelizing and please keep the Retreat in your prayers. DRCNZ.

* **CTK Food Festival & Raffle tickets, Sunday 30 August, Parish Hall at 11am** : **TWO** more weekends before our Food Festival!! Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to run a stall. Tickets for the raffles on sale at \$5.00 a ticket, Church foyer. Raffles will be drawn on Sunday 30 August in the Parish Hall. Eftpos and cash accepted. Your support of our annual Parish Food Festival is very much appreciated. All are welcome.

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 (15 – 21 August):

Barney McCahill, John Alpanso, Lawrence Neeson, Lorna Dsilva, Soane Tongo, Joanito Dias, Fr Clement Bala, John Martin Griffin, John Cloonan, Marie Simpson
*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.*