

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 & 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"

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 August 2026



Imagine standing with the disciples in the dusty town of Caesarea Philippi. Around you are temples to many gods, symbols of power and empire. Then Jesus turns to you and asks, "Who do you say I am?" It's not just a question for Peter two thousand years ago — it's a question for each of us today.

In today's Gospel, Peter boldly declares, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is not a conclusion reached by human reasoning alone, but a revelation from the Father. Jesus responds by entrusting Peter with the "keys of the kingdom" — a symbol of authority, responsibility, and service.

This moment is pivotal for three reasons: 1. Faith as Foundation—The Church is not built on human strength, but on the unshakable truth of who Jesus is. Our faith is the rock that withstands storms. 2. Authority as Service—The "keys" are not a badge of privilege but a call to shepherd, guide, and protect. True leadership in the Church is rooted in humility and service, not domination. 3. Personal Response—Jesus' question — "Who do you say I am?" — demands a personal answer. It's not enough to repeat what others say; our faith must be lived, experienced, and confessed from the heart. 4. Practical Application—Examine Your Faith: This week, take time to reflect — is Jesus truly at the centre of your life, or just one part of it?

Live Your Confession: If we proclaim Jesus as Lord, our actions, words, and choices should reflect His love and truth. Serve with Humility: Whether in family, parish, or workplace, lead by example — with compassion, patience, and integrity.

The world is filled with competing voices and shifting truths. But the question of Jesus remains constant: "Who do you say I am?"

We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus and Jesus in Peter. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

May we, like Peter, answer with conviction — not just with our lips, but with our lives:

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

have a couple of weeks to go before I will finally receive the surgery on my right foot that I have been advised to undergo. That is due to take place on Tuesday 08th September and I will be completely out of action for at least six weeks after that because the foot has to be totally non-weight bearing for at least that period. After that they will look at fitting a special boot/shoe and continue with physiotherapy to (hopefully) get everything back in working order. In the meantime, after discussing matters with the Parish Pastoral Council, we have made the following weekday Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and Mass arrangements. During the period I am away on medical leave (08th September until towards the end of October, possibly earlier) there will be NO Liturgy of the Word or Mass on Mondays. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week (commencing on Wednesday 08th September) at the usual time of 9.00am there will be Liturgies of the Word replacing Mass and led by Lita Tu'u and Deacon Jana Nair respectively. Mass will be celebrated as usual on Thursday/Friday/Saturday mornings (commencing 10th September) by Father Pat Brady who will also celebrate the Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass and Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses each weekend. AS ANNOUNCED ELSEWHERE IN THIS BULLETIN BY FATHER ANDREW MATTHEW (PARISH PRIEST OF AVONDALE) THE SUNDAY 6.00PM AVONDALE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE FINAL TIME HERE AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH ON SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST. FROM SUNDAY 30th AUGUST THAT MASS MOVES BACK TO AVONDALE PARISH AND WILL BE OFFERED IN THE TEMPORARY CHURCH OPENING THERE.

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

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)**

MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW-ST MARY'S PARISH, AVONDALE

Father Danko Bizjak and I would like to express our gratitude for the support of the community after our Church was destroyed by fire on 14 July 2025. Over the last several months, we have received your prayers, donations and assistance towards the renovation of St. Mary's Parish Hall which will be our temporary Church. I am pleased to announce that as of Sunday 30 August 2026, Sunday Masses will resume at St. Mary's Avondale in the temporary Church, bringing our Parish community back together once again. This means that the last 6pm Mass at Christ the King Church, will be on Sunday 23 August 2026. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Christ the King Parish, Owairaka and Father John for your support, welcome and friendship, over the last year. Many Blessings, Fr Andrew.

MAORI PASTORAL CARE - SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

This money is used to fund initiatives, schools, and projects of the Auckland Diocesan Māori community. Eftpos donations collected will go towards this Collection.

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 (22 – 28 August):

Joe Menezes, Daphne D'Souza, Velma Darling, Anthony Borges, Lusila Kalolo, John Miller, Terry Leadbetter, Ron Nolan, Olive D'Souza, John Bonisch, Cajetan D'Silva, Fetalaiga Fou, Lourdes Piedade, James Devoe

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.