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9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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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

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"

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 August 2026



Today's readings confront us with the cost of discipleship. Jeremiah feels overwhelmed by the burden of proclaiming God's word, yet he cannot hold it in because it burns like fire within him (Jer 20:7-9). Paul urges us to offer our lives as a "living sacrifice," refusing conformity to the world and instead being transformed by the renewal of our minds (Rom 12:1-). Jesus reveals that His mission includes suffering, rejection, and death—and that anyone who follows Him must walk the same path (Mt 16:21-27).

Jeremiah's lament shows the inner struggle of a prophet. He is mocked and rejected, yet God's word is a burning fire within him. God's call is not always comfortable. Authentic faith often brings misunderstanding. True discipleship means speaking truth even when it is unwelcome.

Paul's exhortation is a roadmap for Christian living: Offer your whole life to God; Reject the world's values of comfort, power, and self-preservation; Allow God to transform your mind so you can discern His will. This is not passive spirituality—it is active, daily surrender.

In the Gospel, Peter tries to protect Jesus from suffering. Jesus rebukes him: "Get behind me, Satan!" because Peter thinks in human terms, not divine ones. Jesus then lays out the core of discipleship: Deny yourself; Take up your cross; Follow Him. The cross is not a burden we choose; it is the unavoidable hardship of life embraced with faith.

Jesus asks: What does it profit a person to gain the whole world but lose their soul? The world promises comfort, wealth, and control. Christ promises life—true life—but only through surrender. The paradox: When we cling to our own plans, we lose ourselves; When we let go for Christ's sake, we find peace, purpose, and resurrection.

This Sunday invites us to: Choose God's ways over the world's ways; Accept the crosses we cannot avoid; Trust that Christ walks with us in suffering; Teaches that following Christ requires courage, surrender, and trust. The path of the cross is demanding, but it leads to the only life that truly satisfies.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

SPECIAL HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

TOMORROW MORNING AT 9.00 am: We are very fortunate in this Parish to be in the midst of the Divine Retreat Centre Healing Retreat with Father Antony Parankimalil VC this week. Please note that because of the Retreat, Father Antony is offering a special Healing Mass at 9.00am tomorrow (Monday 31st August) and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and special prayers for Healing will be offered during - and afterwards at a special Retreat session. This special Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick tomorrow (Monday) at 9.00am means that this coming Friday (04 September), we will still have our 10.00am Mass with Sacred Heart Devotions at the end, but without the Anointing of the Sick.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? We have a special Information Evening this coming Friday 04th September at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room in the Church complex. At that meeting, Father John and members of our **Come And See** process leadership team will describe how we hope to make welcome those adults who are not Catholic and would like to know (with no obligation) how to explore becoming a member of the Catholic Church. If you would like to come, please simply register with the parish office by tomorrow- Monday 31st August and the contact details for the office are in the Parish Bulletin or online- www.christthekingparish.org.nz.

MY LAST SUNDAY HERE BEFORE SURGERY is next Sunday 06th September, as I have my Surgery on the following Tuesday. Next Sunday is also Father's Day so please join us for a celebration Cup of Tea after the 10.00am Mass.

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

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4th September 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

2026 Vailankanni Novena celebrations from 30 August to 8 September

Please come and join us as we say the Rosary Novena followed by Holy Mass daily at 6.00pm on Saturdays & Sundays we begin at 5.30pm. The Novenas will be held at the back where the old Parish Hall used to be at the St. Mary's Parish, Avondale. The refurbished hall will now be used for our celebrations. Address: 2134 Great North Road, Avondale. For more information contact Cynthia Paul or Helen D'souza

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)**

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)**

FATHER'S DAY CUPPA NEXT SUNDAY 06 SEPTEMBER AFTER 10AM MASS

September 6th is Father's Day, we will be having a shared morning tea after 10.00am Mass - please bring a plate of food.

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 (29 August – 04 September):

Julius Ekeroma, Palaamo Kalati, Jo Scully, Mary Cloonan, Marcelline de Souza, Toi Rapira, Kitty Gunn, Leo Mathias

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.