

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

DAILY MASS TIMES (SEP-OCT2026)

Monday : NO Mass or Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday-Wednesday : 9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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

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

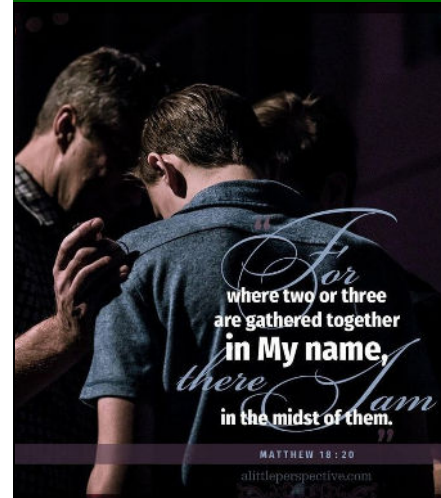
If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Scheme, please fill in the Parish Registration Form available from the table in the foyer. For every dollar you donate, you get 33 percentage back as tax credit.



260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 06 September 2026



The readings for this Sunday form a unified message: Christians are responsible for one another's moral and spiritual well being. Ezekiel speaks of the watchman's duty, Paul insists that love fulfils the law, and Jesus outlines a careful, compassionate process for reconciliation within the community.

Ezekiel 33:7-9 presents the prophet as a sentry charged with warning the people when danger approaches. Silence in the face of wrongdoing is not neutral; it can cause harm. This image extends to every believer: we are responsible for lovingly alerting others when

they are heading toward spiritual or moral peril.

Paul's teaching in Romans 13:8-10 provides the essential motivation for correction: love. We owe one another a perpetual debt of charity. All commandments-do not kill, steal, commit adultery-are summed up in "love your neighbour as yourself." Correction is never about superiority or irritation; it must be a payment on this debt of love.

Matthew 18:15-20 outlines a pastoral process for addressing wrongdoing: Speak privately to preserve dignity. Bring witnesses if needed, ensuring fairness. Involve the community only as a last resort. The goal is not punishment but restoration—"winning back your brother or sister." Jesus acknowledges that the Church is not a community of the perfect; structures for reconciliation are essential.

The message this Sunday is not about policing others but about courageous love. Silence can be cowardice disguised as politeness. True charity sometimes requires difficult conversations. Yet correction must always be grounded in humility, compassion, and the desire to heal relationships.

This 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time reminds us that Christian love is active, courageous, and restorative. Fraternal correction, done with humility and charity, strengthens the community and reflects the heart of Christ, who seeks always to win back the lost.



PRAYER FOR FATHER JOHN

Holy Father, we ask for Your divine guidance and protection over Father John as he prepares for surgery next Tuesday 08 September. Lord, grant him strength and peace, and guide the hands of the surgeons with wisdom and skill. May Your healing touch rest upon Father John, bringing comfort and a swift recovery. Amen.

HEARTFELT THANKS FOR MAKING THE FOOD FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

Dear Friends,

The 2026 Parish Food Festival was a true celebration of teamwork, passion, and community spirit. Every smile, every helping hand, every shared recipe, and every moment of dedication made this event something truly special. Whether you cooked, served, decorated, organized, cleaned up, or simply brought your energy and enthusiasm — your contribution mattered. You all made it possible, bringing joy, connection, and delicious memories to so many. Thank you for your time, your hard work, and your heart. This success belongs to all of us. Special thanks to all our stall holders who represented the various cultural communities and parish groups and School — Samoan, Tongan, Indian, Fijian, Legion of Mary, Cake Stall, CTK School Sausage Sizzle. Our Parish Pastoral Council. And particularly our Tongan Community and Jessie De Zoysa who gifted and baked the Pig Roast and 3 x Cakes respectively for our Raffles plus appreciation to everyone who supported by purchasing a raffle ticket. Congratulations to our Raffle Winners. Here's to more shared moments, more laughter, and more reasons to come together.



SEASON OF CREATION 2026

Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to celebrate Season of Creation. From 1 Sept (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 Oct (Feast of St Francis of Assisi), we are invited to renew our relationship with God as Creator. The Church invites every parish, school, chaplaincy, family, and individual to celebrate the Season of Creation. Visit our website for resources on how to celebrate. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/>. And join us, the Maclaurin Chaplaincy & Church communities of Auckland to an ecumenical celebration through prayer, reflection and light refreshments | Wednesday 23rd September 2026 7:00pm at the Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes Street, University of Auckland. Registration is essential please follow the link here to register Season of Creation 2026 I Living Waters: Caring for our common home.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Getting married in early 2027? Don't leave your marriage preparation too late! Our final Marriage Preparation Courses for 2026 are filling quickly. If you're planning to marry in the first part of 2027, you'll need to complete your marriage preparation this year, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible to secure your place. Courses are offered at St Michael's Parish, Remuera on Saturdays from 26 September (9.00am – 1.00pm) and at St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush on Saturdays from 10 October (10.00am – 4.30pm). For course dates, more information, and to register, visit: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

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**)

LOCAL YOUTH MINISTERS WANTED!

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become part-time Local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Richard Laurenson will be the principal celebrant. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 21 September 2026 at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most 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 (05 – 11 September):

Ted Cordero, Gerhard Tuiletufuga, Leo Joseph, Lloyd Lewis, Carmen Hogg, Rhonda Nash, Anna Szymanski, George Schipper

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.