

CHRIST THE KING PARISH DIRECTORY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest

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For Baptisms and Marriages

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"

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 September 2026



Imagine you've been working hard all day under the hot sun. You started at dawn, sweat dripping, muscles aching. At the end of the day, you line up for your pay — and to your surprise, the person who only worked one hour gets exactly the same wage as you. How would you feel? Most of us would probably feel what the early workers in today's Gospel felt: "That's not fair!"

The Heart of the Gospel : In Matthew 20:1–16, Jesus tells us about a landowner who hires workers at different times of the day — some at

dawn, some at mid-morning, some at noon, some in the afternoon, and even some just before sunset. Yet, at the end of the day, each receives the same wage: one denarius. This parable is not really about economics or labour laws—it's about the generosity of God. It challenges our human instinct to measure worth and reward by effort and time. God's kingdom operates on a different economy: the currency is grace, not merit.

God's Ways Are Not Our Ways : In the first reading from Isaiah 55:6–9, we hear: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." We often think in terms of fairness as equal pay for equal work. But God's fairness is rooted in mercy, not strict calculation. He gives not according to what we deserve, but according to His boundless love.

The Vineyard Is Always Open : The landowner keeps going out to invite more workers — even at the eleventh hour. This is a reminder that it is never too late to respond to God's call. Whether you have been faithful all your life or you are just turning to Him now, the invitation is the same: Come into my vineyard.

Grace Is Not a Competition : The early workers grumbled because they compared themselves to others. Comparison is a thief of joy in the spiritual life. God's blessings to others do not diminish His blessings to us. In fact, His generosity to others should increase our gratitude, not our resentment.

The Invitation : The parable ends with the words: "The last will be first, and the first will be last." This is not a threat, but a promise — that in God's kingdom, no one is forgotten, no one is left behind, and no one is loved less.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear CTK family,

It's good to be home at last and another recovery chapter begins. As you know I had serious surgery on my right foot on 09 September. Thank you so much for the many messages of loving prayer and support. I deeply appreciate them. Last Thursday I had a follow up appointment with the surgeon and he removed the cast and all the stitches in my foot and fitted a new lighter cast that I must wear for the next four weeks. That means still no weight bearing on the foot for a few weeks yet and keeping it elevated when seated as much as possible. I then came home here to CTK.

In about a month I see the surgeon again and he will remove this second cast and if X-rays are good will fit a moon boot to get me walking again.

Some have asked about visiting me in the presbytery. That would be lovely but please do arrange by email beforehand (frjohnfitzmaurice@gmail.com) because it takes me quite a time and effort just at the moment to move about the place with a knee roller scooter and sometimes crutches. And a huge Thank you to Father Pat Brady for celebrating the Masses for us while I am unable to do so.

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

MISSION SUNDAY—100TH CELEBRATION

The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday on October 18. Find out more at: <https://missio.nz/>

ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLEAR OUT

The Cathedral Office is clearing out a range of office furniture, household items and more, and we'd love to see these items put to good use rather than go to waste. Office chairs, desks, book cases, fridges, washing machine, dryer, microwaves, books, religious items, Christmas decorations + so much more... You might find a hidden gem at a great price! **WHEN: SUNDAY 4th OCT (10am - 6pm) WHERE: LISTON BUILDING** (directly opposite St Patrick's Cathedral). Wilsons Car park options: Hobson St (Old Farmers): \$4.50 via the ParkMate App only. Promo code STPATs to receive discount. Durham Lane (City Centre): \$3 validate physical ticket in the parking machine located by the notice board.



ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL APPEAL— 2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

This money is used to support long-term maintenance of our Mother Church—The Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph, A Precious Heritage entrusted to us. All Eftpos donations received this weekend will go towards this Special Collection Appeal.

NOTE : Refer updated Daily Mass Timetable on the back page of this bulletin

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY

'I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health...', familiar words spoken a few months ago or perhaps several years earlier. It still remains a sacred commitment ordained by God in the Covenant of Marriage. Let us give thanks for this sacred covenant and make it our heart's offering to him. Come enrich your marriage. Date: 26 September 2026 from 10 am to 3.30 pm. Venue: Christ the King, Owairaka, Parish Hall. Speakers: Bill and Jenny McElhinney – Married for 55 years and longtime members of Star of the Sea Parish, Blenheim. Registration Fee: \$10 per couple. Use this link to register <https://bit.ly/Marriage-Day>. For any further information please contact Patrick Amaral via patrick_amaral@hotmail.com or 0210381984.

GENERAL MANAGER—CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

An exceptional leadership opportunity has arisen to join the Diocese of Auckland as General Manager. Reporting to the Bishop and Diocesan Administration Council, this influential role provides strategic and operational leadership across finance, property, people, IT, governance support, and organisational performance. Working alongside senior leaders across education, pastoral care, social services, and Māori ministry, the successful candidate will help shape and deliver a significant renewal agenda for New Zealand's oldest and largest Catholic diocese. We are seeking an experienced senior leader with strong commercial and financial acumen, excellent stakeholder management skills, and a genuine empathy for the Catholic faith, ethos, and mission. This is a rare opportunity to make a lasting impact in a values-driven organisation serving communities across Auckland and beyond. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.sheffield.co.nz/Job-Search?Id=729>

MONTE CECILIA HOUSING TRUST

Thank you for helping our families through your generous donation of blankets. Your kindness and generosity have given warmth, comfort and care to many of our whānau, especially during these colder months. We are truly grateful for your support and for the difference you have made in the lives of families in need. Your generosity is a wonderful reminder that small acts of kindness can bring great comfort and hope. Thank you for helping us keep our families warm and cared for.

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 September) :

Carmel Jeffries, Jeff Bruce, Zita Ryan, Max D'Souza, Kenneth Rooney, Michael Joseph, Vincent Tupuola Jr., Maria Da Costa

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.