

CHRIST THE KING PARISH DIRECTORY

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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"



The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (Matthew 21:33-43)

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
04 October 2026**

The readings for this week centres on the vineyard as a symbol of God's people, calling us to bear good fruit through justice, faithfulness, and gratitude.

God is all the time caring for his people and thinking of us, making sure we're not endangered when he can help it. His care for his people goes into the heart of the Trinity, one of whom becomes one of us, for our sake. He wants us to bear fruit, as in the second reading. He will give these fruits - and wants us to value them. Across all readings, the vineyard symbolizes God's people. God provides everything needed for holiness—grace, teaching, sacraments, community—yet He expects a harvest of justice, mercy, and faithful stewardship. When the vineyard fails to produce fruit, the consequences follow naturally: loss, ruin, and accountability.

In our society today, we could say that in many countries, child protection and care is better, we are more inclusive of people who differ from us and the church is open to the whole human family. However, we miss out on some issues - the value of faith and community is low and sometimes in public or political life we go for the temporary and the illusory and the dramatic. The gap between rich and poor is wider than ever, greed and financial abuse is more wide-spread, our care of the elderly leaves much to be demanded.

Looking at the gospel vision, we can ask how the vineyard is nourished. We find that the cornerstone of the Christian way of life is love, and the love is person in Jesus. He is the one who will invigorate the vine...Some will ignore him, some will follow. All of us are probably a bit in between. God sent his only Son into the vineyard of human life, not because life is perfect, but because love is. Jesus comes among us because we need him. (Fr. Donal Neary S.J.)

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

I am continuing to steadily improve, I think, and in just a week and a half I expect the cast on my foot to be removed. Hopefully, subject to positive X-ray results, I will be fitted with a moon boot and have a lot more mobility. I had the great blessing at the beginning of last week that three of my siblings (two brothers and a sister) come and stay with me for three days. It was lovely having them with me and they also got me out of the house on my knee scooter and among other things we visited the Mt Roskill Library, a local Barber (to get a much needed haircut), got some supermarket supplies and even managed a couple of cafe visits, as well as a quick call in to the Church to show my family our beautiful Church and say hello to Esther in the Parish Office.

Having my foot elevated for hours I watched Live on my Laptop much of Pope Leo's Visit to Lourdes last weekend and was able to join in myself with the Rosary and Torchlight Procession with a real sense of being connected to so much prayer and faith. I find the Rosary a particularly helpful form of Prayer and I encourage you to join in daily in the Parish on weekdays before Mass and on Saturday evenings during this month of October. Thank you again for all the loving prayer and support.

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

THE BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT

The New Zealand bishops have published their statement for the 2026 General Election. Titled Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens, the document encourages Catholics and people of good will to consider voting as a moral and civic responsibility, not just a matter of personal preference. The bishops invite people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues, and they also encourage people to pray for the country.

Access the election statement at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26>



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18 OCTOBER 2026

World Mission Sunday in New Zealand will be celebrated on **October 18, 2026**, marking the 100th anniversary of the event. The theme for this year's celebration is **"One in Christ, united in Mission."** This theme is a reflection on the Church's mission and the importance of unity in Christ. Pope Leo XIV's message emphasizes that the Church's missionary work flows from our communion with Christ and with one another. He calls for renewed commitment to the Church's mission, especially in this anniversary year. The Pope's message encourages Catholics to support the missionary efforts of the Church through the Pontifical Mission Societies, to pray, to show solidarity, and to provide material support for communities where the Church is young or still growing.

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



The Sisters of Compassion founded by Venerable Suzanne Aubert, and the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference agreed that the first Sunday of October would be marked as a day of celebration for the Venerable Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa. The purpose of this important national day of celebration is to promote and celebrate the spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa to as many people as possible. This year it will be on 4th October. Her spirit lives on today in the work of the Sisters of Compassion. They are engaged in social work, pastoral care, prison and hospital chaplaincies, education, working with refugee and disadvantaged migrant communities, residential and home care of the sick and the elderly and support of people developing home gardens. (*National Liturgy Office of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand*)



JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi falls on October 4, and a number of special activities are planned at the St. Francis Retreat Centre and across the community. All are warmly invited to join our three day Triduum of prayer and celebration:

Oct 2 – Opening Mass with Fr. Steve Bliss OFM, Franciscan Provincial

Oct 3 – Transitus at the St. Therese Parish, Three Kings, Auckland

Oct 4 – Feast Day Mass to be celebrated by The Most Reverend Peter Brown, Bishop

Emeritus of Samoa-Pago Pago at the St. Therese Parish

Oct 4 – *Blessing of Animals* at St Francis Retreat Centre

* **Children's Choir Practice – Sunday 04 October** : All children are warmly welcomed to a quick singing practice with Jackie at 9:30am in the Church before 10am Mass.

* **Pledge Giving Envelopes** : Will be available for collection from Saturday 10 October 2026 covering the year 01 November 2026—31 October 2027. If you would like to join the Pledge Giving Scheme, please email the Parish Office.

* **Mother Mary Statue Rotation – Legion of Mary** : Invite our Lady into your home. The Legion of Mary invites you to participate in the Mother of Mary Statue Rotation. By welcoming the statue into your home, you give your family the opportunity to pray together, reflect on Mary's love and bring her gentle presence into your daily life. Duration is for 1 or 2 weeks. Contact Beryl 021-0438809 or Samantha 021-8374514.

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 (02 – 08 October) :

Caroline Gommers, Clive Shear, Irene O'Reilly, Alan Mendez, Jim McCann, Mick Dromgool, Michael de Souza, Anthony de Souza, Terry Leadbetter, Frederick DeSouza, Eileen Keane, Msgr Patrick (Terry) Leslie, Kathleen Aynsley, Mary Kemp, Seiuli Lipine Tuni, Fr Lawrie Sakey, Alfredo Kabalikan, Fuatino Luamanuvae, Lewis Misquitta, Msgr Vince Hunt, Mitchell Lam

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.