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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.



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

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Imagine you receive an invitation to a grand banquet — a feast unlike any other, prepared with care, filled with joy, and hosted by someone who loves you deeply. You'd expect everyone to rush to accept, wouldn't you? Yet, in today's Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14), we hear of guests who refuse, who turn away, and even mistreat the messengers. This parable of the Wedding Feast is not just a story about ancient customs—it is a mirror held up to our hearts. It asks: How do we respond to God's invitation?

Core Message: God's Invitation is for All :

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who invites people to his son's wedding banquet. The first invited guests—representing those who should have been ready—reject the call. The king then sends his servants to invite everyone, "both good and bad," from the streets.

This is the radical truth: God's invitation is universal. No one is excluded. The banquet is open to all—saints and sinners alike—because God's love is not limited by our past.

Concrete Example: The Banquet as Heaven : The banquet is a symbol of eternal life with God—a place of joy, peace, and communion. But it is also a symbol of the Eucharist we celebrate here and now. Every Mass is a foretaste of that heavenly feast. Yet, like the guests in the parable, we can be distracted. Work, worries, pleasures, or indifference can cause us to miss the feast that is right before us.

The Wedding Garment: Prepared Hearts : The second part of the parable is challenging—the guest without a wedding garment is thrown out. This garment is not about literal clothing; it represents the readiness of our hearts. In baptism, we are clothed in Christ. But we must keep that garment clean through repentance, love, and mercy. Accepting God's invitation means not only showing up, but showing up prepared—with hearts open to transformation.

Persuasive Call to Action : Today, Jesus is inviting you again. The invitation is personal. It is urgent. It is loving. Accept the call — make Sunday Mass a priority, not an option. Prepare your garment — seek reconciliation, forgive others, live in charity. Invite others — be a messenger who brings people to the feast. God's banquet is not a distant dream — it begins here, in this community, around this altar. The King has sent His invitation. The table is set. The feast is ready. The only question left is: Will you come?



A PRAYER FOR AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

God of mercy and justice, source of all life and giver of every good gift, we place before you our nation, Aotearoa New Zealand, as we prepare to choose those who will serve in public office.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may discern well.
Form in us hearts that seek to build a society where every person can belong and flourish. Guide our political leaders, candidates and voters with wisdom, humility and courage.

Lord Jesus, you drew near to the forgotten and lifted up the lowly. Open our eyes to the needs of all. May our votes, our voices and our actions help shape our nation as a people of compassion, hope and shared responsibility.

We make this prayer in your name, **Amen**.
Mary, Mother of the Church, **pray for us**.
St Joseph, protector of families and workers, **pray for us**.
St Thomas More, patron saint of politicians, **pray for us**.
Holy men and women of God who have walked this land in faith and service, **pray for us**.

(*New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference*)



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.

There will be a second collection after Holy Communion next weekend—this money is distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country. All eftpos donations received on the weekend of 17-18 October will go towards supporting this special collection.

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

THE SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2026—LIVING PEACE

This **Sunday 11 October**, Catholics across Aotearoa will celebrate Support Life Sunday. This year's theme, Living Peace, invites us to reflect on how we can promote a culture of life through prayer, compassion, and action, with a particular emphasis this year on the need for peace in the world. As the New Zealand bishops reminded us in the 2023 document, Te Kahu o te Ora: "We do not need to look far to recognise that our world requires a lot of healing. All around us, we experience divisions that are the result of human behaviours and institutions."

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS 2026—PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES



As you walked into Church today, you would have noticed a photo display of 45 children/young adults who will soon be taking important steps in their faith journey. **From 13 to 15 November 2026**, these young members of our Parish Community will receive the Holy Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. These days will be moments of deep grace and joy, as the Holy Spirit comes to dwell more fully in their hearts and they welcome Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Let us surround them with our love, encouragement, and prayers, asking God to guide them, strengthen their faith, and inspire them to live as true witnesses of Christ in the world. May this special occasion be a reminder to us all of the beauty of our own sacramental life, and may our community continue to nurture and support our children/candidates as they grow in faith, hope, and love.

OTHER NOTICES

Pledge Giving Envelopes : Please collect your new pledge giving envelope set in the Church foyer from 17 Oct. This covers 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.

CTK School Learning Showcase 2026 : Project-based Learning Presentation Event. Come and discover the students' learning, creativity and achievements. Starting Friday 30 October (3pm-5pm), Saturday 31 October (9am-11am & 4pm-6pm) and Sunday 01 November (11am-1pm) - in the Parish Hall. All 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 (09 – 15 October) :

Juliana D'Silva, Merwyn Almeida, Sr Marie Therese of the Child Jesus OCD, Thelma McSweeney, David Fernandes, Mary Fernandes, Beryl Misquitta, Louis Wulf, Maureen Sommers, Douglas Burnand

*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.*