

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH DIRECTORY

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

### PARISH STAFF

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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, New Windsor, Auckland 1041

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

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25 October 2026

### A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING



Imagine a young child holding their mother's hand while crossing a busy street. The child doesn't understand traffic rules, doesn't know the dangers, but trusts completely. That trust is born from love — a love that protects, guides, and gives life.

Today's Gospel invites us into that same kind of love - not just for God, but for one another. It's simple in words, yet profound in practice: *"You shall love the Lord your God... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself."*

In Matthew 22:34–40, Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment. He doesn't give a new rule; He distills all of Scripture into two interconnected truths:

- **Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind.** This is not partial love, not occasional devotion, but a wholehearted relationship. It means God is not just part of our life — He is the centre.
- **Love your neighbour as yourself.** This is not sentimental kindness; it's active, sacrificial, and inclusive. It means seeing the dignity of every person, even those who challenge us.

Jesus makes it clear: these two loves are inseparable. You cannot truly love God without loving others, and you cannot truly love others without being rooted in God's love.

We might say, *"I can love God easily, but some people are impossible to love."*

Jesus knows this. That's why He calls us to love not with our own limited capacity, but with His love flowing through us. Loving difficult people is not about liking their behaviour — it's about recognising their humanity and praying for their good.

If we live these two commandments, we become living signs of God's presence in the world. Imagine a parish where every conversation, every decision, every action is rooted in love — love for God and love for neighbour. That is the Kingdom Jesus came to proclaim.

Let us ask today for the grace to love with our whole heart, soul, and mind — and to see every neighbour as a gift from God.

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear friends,

After six weeks of isolation it was great to be able to attend the first Mass in that time last Friday. I am very grateful to those who had been bringing me Holy Communion during that time as well as many other visitors. I have resumed some duties (with the exception of celebrating the Mass itself, that will have to wait until the middle of November) and that included two weddings here last Friday. Although I did have to remain seated for most of the wedding ceremonies it was a great joy to be able to witness these beautiful occasions.

Today I hope to be present for our 10.00am Mass. I still have to try and keep the weight off my right foot for another three weeks or so and walking around with one crutch and a moon boot is not much fun but I am sure many of you have had to put up with much worse. Like you, I am greatly relieved at the news that Pope Leo's recent surgery for lung cancer was totally successful and his medical advisers say no further treatment is required.

Blessings for this Labour Weekend and I hope you all have a restful break tomorrow.

With love, blessings and good wishes- **Father John.**

### ALL SOULS DAY - MONDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2026

Next **Monday 02 November**, we gather as a community to remember and pray for all the faithful departed on All Souls' Day. It is a special time to entrust our loved ones into God's mercy and to find comfort in His promise of eternal life.

We warmly invite you to join us for **Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.**

Let us come together in faith, offering our prayers and love for those who have gone before us, and supporting one another in hope.

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

### MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY - TUESDAY 03 NOVEMBER 2026

All parishioners from across the Diocese are warmly invited to the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy to remember and pray for those who have passed away over the past year, on **Tuesday 03 November, 11:00 am at St Patricks, Panmure.** Following Mass is the blessing of the gravestones.

### ELECTION WEBINAR - WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting a webinar to unpack the bishops' 2026 election statement, Discerning Our Nation's Future Through a Gospel Lens. Join Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Catholic Family Support Services Hamilton manager Renee Rewi and Trinity Catholic College principal Kate Nicholson live at 7pm on Wednesday, October 28. The conversation will examine how faith can inform participation in public life and help shape a society that upholds human dignity, promotes justice and serves the common good. Learn more and register at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection>

## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

### CTK LEARNING SHOWCASE

Project Based Learning Presentation Event

Come and discover our students' learning, creativity and achievements

#### GENERAL OPEN SESSIONS

Friday 30 October  
3:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday 31 October  
9:00am-11:00am  
4:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday 1 November  
11:00am-1:00pm

Venue: Christ the King Parish Hall

## UPCOMING FEASTS AND EVENTS

- ❖ Wed 28 Oct – Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)
- ❖ Sun 01 Nov – All Saints Day ((Feast)
- ❖ Wed 04 Nov – St Charles Borromeo, B. (Memorial)
- ❖ Fri 06 Nov – Anointing of the Sick at 10am Mass
- ❖ Mon 09 Nov – Dedication of St John Lateran (Feast)
- ❖ Thu 12 Nov – 50 Year Anniversary of the Founding of the Tongan Community in New Zealand
- ❖ Fri 13 to Sun 15 Nov – 45 x Candidates receive Confirmation and Holy Communion
- ❖ Sun 15 Nov – World Day of the Poor
- ❖ Sat 21 Nov – Presentation of Mary (M)
- ❖ Sun 22 Nov – Parish Feast Day : Christ the King, Universal King
- ❖ Sun 29 Nov – First Sunday of Advent
- ❖ Sun 06 Dec – CTK School Fair

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDY

Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2027. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz). The **closing date for applications is 27 NOVEMBER 2026.**

### VACANCY - ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**SVDP Auckland West** are looking for an experienced retail person to manage both shops in Glen Eden (currently being developed) and in Point Chevalier.

For more information, please contact Paula Betham at [svdpaucklandwest@gmail.com](mailto:svdpaucklandwest@gmail.com)

**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 (23 - 29 October) :**

Bill London, Luseta Moala, Bernie Duffin, John Casserly, Jane Moorti, Cyril Pinto, Siosuia Uvea, Terence Abreo, Bridget Gallagher, Gopi Bhojwani, Molly Hendricks, Tahuaka Waipouri, Antonietta Kabaliran

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual lights shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*