# 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

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil:** 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 am & 10:00 am

## DAILY MASS TIMES

Eff. 16 Nov2026

**Monday** : 9:00 am
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Tuesday-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.

## 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 & Complains 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

2026

# Christ the King

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

**260 Richardson Road, New Windsor, Auckland 1041**
**"To live by faith, to be known by love and to be a voice of hope"**

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 08 NOVEMBER

If Christ were to return today, would we be ready to meet Him? This is the question the Gospel poses to us through the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. It is not meant to frighten us, but to awaken us—to stir our hearts into action. Imagine hearing the knock at the door in the middle of the night, knowing it is the Lord Himself. Would our lamps be burning brightly, or would we be scrambling to find oil?

**Core Message – Wisdom, Hope, and Preparedness**

**Wisdom :** The first reading from the Book of Wisdom paints a beautiful picture: wisdom is radiant, unfading, and easily found by those who seek her. She is not distant or elusive; she comes to meet those who desire her. This wisdom is not simply human cleverness or worldly intelligence—it is the ability to see life through God's eyes. It is the discernment to choose what leads us closer to Him, even when the world offers easier or more tempting paths. Seeking wisdom means making space for God in our daily routines—through prayer, reflection, and openness to His guidance.

**Hope :** In the second reading, St. Paul speaks to the Thessalonians about the hope we have in Christ. He assures them that those who have died in Christ will rise again, and that we will be reunited with them when the Lord returns. This hope is not wishful thinking—it is anchored in the reality of Christ's resurrection. It is the hope that sustains us when we face loss, illness, or uncertainty. It reminds us that our story does not end in the grave, but in eternal life with God. Hope is the fuel that keeps us moving forward, even when the road is difficult.

**Preparedness :** The Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13) tells the parable of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise and brought extra oil; five were foolish and unprepared. The oil represents our faith, our good works, our relationship with God—things that cannot be borrowed at the last moment. Preparedness is not about fear; it is about living each day as if it could be the day we meet the Lord. It means cultivating a heart that is ready, not only for His return at the end of time, but for His presence in the everyday moments of our lives.

The message is clear: do not postpone your conversion. We often think there will be more time—more time to pray, more time to forgive, more time to serve—but the truth is, the moment to prepare is now. The wise bridesmaids did not wait until the last minute; they lived in readiness. In the same way, we are called to live with our lamps filled, our hearts open, and our spirits alert.

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

I am getting ready to resume full time ministry among you and hopefully when I see the surgeon this Thursday afternoon he will confirm that I can finally remove the big moon boot I have been wearing for the past month and start wearing shoes and walk normally again AND- much more importantly- he will give me permission to stand and celebrate the Mass with you again. I have been doing some pastoral work in the last few weeks including seeing parishioners and even celebrating four weddings here in the last month but having to sit down most of the time while doing so! So, with First Holy Communion at our Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses next weekend (14/15 November) the timing could not be better.

How blessed we have been to have Father Pat Brady filling in for me with Masses and Confessions, and Baptisms etc over the past nine weeks or so. Father Pat's last Sunday Mass with us is TODAY and 10.00am. Because we want to thank him properly I have asked him to come back in two weeks time (at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 22nd November) to join in our Christ the King Feast day celebrations after the 10.00am Mass. Please bring some finger food to share together after that Mass (please see separate Notice in Bulletin) and before Mass concludes we will take the opportunity to express our gratitude to Fr Pat for his generous availability over these past couple of months. His work this week has not quite concluded- he will be celebrating our weekday Masses on Thursday and Friday of this week. He will also be celebrating our weekday Masses here from Tuesday 24th-Saturday 28th November while I am away on my Annual Retreat. He is also coming back for around ten days in mid-January as I take the remainder of my Annual Leave for this year- (a little later than anticipated because of my absence post-surgery). It has been lovely seeing so many of you after the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses over the past two Sundays as I have regained a lot more mobility. I feel I am making good progress but I still await the final word from the surgeon before I get the "all clear". Thank you all for such kindness including me in your prayers and in so many practical ways.

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

## CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – 22 NOVEMBER 2026

On the weekend of 21-22 November, our parish will joyfully gather to mark the Feast of Christ the King, a beautiful reminder that Christ's reign is one of love, service, and unity. Together, we come not only to honour our Lord but also to celebrate the bonds of community that make our parish family so special. **After 10am Mass**, we'll share a warm cuppa and some finger food (**please bring a plate**) — a simple yet heartfelt way to celebrate our Feast and also express our gratitude to Father Pat for his cheerful and faithful service, guidance, and kindness. His dedication has been a blessing to us all, and this moment gives us the chance to say thank you in person, surrounded by fellowship and smiles. May this celebration be a time of joy, reflection, and renewed commitment to live under Christ's gentle kingship, following His example of compassion & humility.

## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL FAIR – DONATIONS NEEDED!

As we prepare for our upcoming Christ the King Catholic School Fair on Sunday 6 December, we are seeking the support of our wonderful parish community. We would be very grateful for donations of prizes for our raffles and good-quality second-hand items for our White Elephant stall. All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated and will help make our School Fair a fantastic community event. Donations can be dropped off at the school office, Monday to Friday, between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our school community. God bless!

## PARISH WORKING BEE

We would really appreciate all hands on board to help keep our church and grounds beautiful before Christmas! **When**: Sat 28 November after the 9am Mass, until 1pm. Please bring your own cleaning equipment, garden tools, hat, gloves, suitable shoes, for weeding, sweeping & tidying up.

## CTK MASS SCHEDULE

**Effective Monday 16 November 2026**, the weekday Mass timetable returns to normal. Refer back page for details.

## 50-YEAR JUBILEE : NZ TONGAN CHAPLAINCY / AUCKLAND

Mālō ʻaupito and heartfelt congratulations to our Parish Tongan Community and the New Zealand Tongan Catholic Chaplaincy on reaching a remarkable milestone of 50 years since your foundation in Auckland on 12 November. This Golden Jubilee is not only a celebration of time, but of faith, unity, and service. Over the decades, you have nurtured a vibrant spiritual home where culture and Catholic tradition walk hand in hand, inspiring generations to live with love, humility, and devotion. Your journey has been marked by prayer, fellowship, and the unwavering commitment to serve both God and community. May this anniversary be a joyful reminder of the seeds planted by your founders, the dedication of your leaders, and the warmth of your people. ʻOfa lahi atu, and may God's blessings be upon you all.

## ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION – TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2026

Reconciliation for Advent will be held at **Christ the King on Tuesday 15 December 2026 at 7:00pm.**

As we journey through this season of reflection and renewal, we invite all parishioners to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a beautiful opportunity to seek God's mercy, find peace in our hearts, and strengthen our relationship with Him.





## 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 (06 – 13 November ) :

Adrian D'Mello, Lucy Dargaville, Christobel Nicholson, Leo Miranda, Cajetam Braganza, Tia Tukino, Lite Toilolo, Paddy Wee, Anthony Murray, Phyllis Murphy, William Shear, Bebo Curin, Isobel McMillan

*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.*