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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

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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15 NOVEMBER

Picture this: A farmer stands before a field at sunrise. In his hands are seeds—each one small, fragile, and full of potential. He knows that if he plants them, tends them, and trusts the process, they will yield a harvest. But if he leaves them in the bag, nothing will grow. Today's Gospel is about those seeds—our talents, our gifts, our opportunities—and the choice we have: to plant them boldly or to hide them away. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells of a master who entrusts his servants with talents before departing. Two servants invest and grow what they've been given; one hides his talent in fear.

Three insights for our spiritual journey :

God Entrusts Us with Purpose - The master gives talents "according to each one's ability." This is not random—it's intentional. Our talents may be skills, compassion, leadership, prayer, or even the ability to listen.

Faith is Meant to Be Active - The faithful servants act decisively. They take risks for the sake of the master's trust. True discipleship is dynamic—it calls us to step forward, not stand still.

Fear Can Steal Our Mission - The servant who hides his talent misses the joy of serving. Fear of failure or criticism can keep us from living the fullness of our calling.

Connection to the Other Readings : Proverbs 31 shows a woman who uses her gifts with diligence and love—her life is fruitful because she acts. 1 Thessalonians 5 urges us to remain awake and alert, living as "children of the light" who are ready to respond to God's call at any moment.

Practical Steps for Living This Message : Recognize Your Gifts – Reflect on what God has placed in your hands ; Put Them to Work – Serve, encourage, teach, or create—whatever multiplies God's love ; Replace Fear with Trust – Remember, God equips those He calls ; Aim for Growth, Not Just Preservation – Faith grows when shared; love multiplies when given away.

Addressing the "I'm Not Gifted" Mindset : Even the smallest seed can grow into a tree. Your gift—no matter how modest—has eternal value when offered to God. The master's words to the faithful servants are a promise for us too: "Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your master."

Let us plant our seeds, invest our talents, and live courageously in the light—so that when the Lord returns, He will find us fruitful and ready.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Friends,

I hope that by the time you are reading this I will be up and about again on my two feet and able to celebrate Mass with you once more. I am writing this early last week BEFORE my last Thursday appointment with the surgeon. My prayer is that the meeting will show that sufficient healing of my right foot has taken place after the surgery back in early September so that I can cast off the heavy moon boot I have been wearing for the past month and resume wearing shoes on both feet. If that is not the case, then I shall have to be more patient. I do appreciate your loving support and prayers though throughout this time.

Our young ones who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Peter Brown C.Ss.R last Friday night, and who make their First Holy Communion at our Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 10.00am Masses today are to be congratulated on this wonderful step on life's journey of faith. We ask God to bless them and their families. May we all appreciate Jesus more and more as the Bread of Life accompanying our journey through life to God. It is good to be here.

Loving and upholding you all from here- ***Father John.***

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - 22 NOVEMBER 2026

Next weekend, 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 opportunity to say our formal "thank you" in person, to Father Pat for filling in for about 10 weeks or so, while Father John has been recovering from foot surgery. May this celebration be a time of joy, reflection, and renewed commitment to live under Christ's gentle kingship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECIPIENTS!

This weekend, our candidates receive the Holy Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These sacred celebrations mark a profound step forward in their relationship with Christ—embracing the fullness of the Holy Spirit's gifts and welcoming Jesus into their hearts through the Eucharist. We pray that this moment strengthens their faith, deepens their love for God, and inspires them to be a shining witness of His presence in the world. A heartfelt thank you to Jackie Linn, Marisa Lobo and our dedicated Sacramental Preparation Team for their tireless work, guidance, and prayerful support in helping our candidates grow in faith. Your commitment has been a blessing to our parish community. We also encourage all parents and guardians to continue walking alongside your children in their spiritual journey—through prayer, active participation in parish life, and nurturing their relationship with God at home. Together, we can help them deepen their love for Christ and live out their faith with joy.

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, tidying up & sweeping. Water & Juice provided. Kindly bring your own lunch. Thank you and see you there!

PARISH SECRETARY ON LEAVE

Please note that our Parish Secretary will be on leave from **Thursday, 26 November through to Sunday, 13 December 2026**. During this period, all non-urgent administrative matters, enquiries, and correspondence will be attended to upon her **return Monday 14 December 2026**. For any urgent matters or pastoral needs, please direct these to the Parish Priest. We appreciate your understanding and patience, and we wish her a restful and refreshing break.

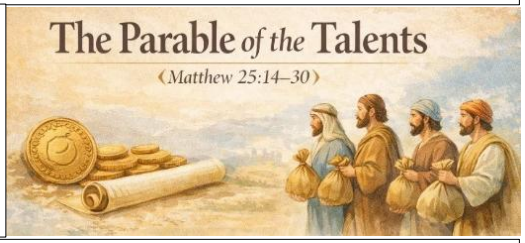
ADVENT RITE II RECONCILIATION - TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2026

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

Advent invites us to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christ's coming. Amid the bustle of shopping, decorating, and planning, it's easy to overlook the quiet call to spiritual renewal. Through confession, we release the burdens we've been carrying and open ourselves to God's healing love. Whether it's been a short while or many years since your last confession, we warmly encourage you to make this sacred encounter part of your Advent journey. Let His mercy prepare you for a Christmas filled with hope, joy, and a heart ready to welcome Him.
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

CTK MASS SCHEDULE

Please note **the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will resume from Monday 16 November 2026.** Weekday Mass timetable returns to normal. Refer back page for details.



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 (14 -20 November) :

Faustina Ann Sale, Denis Piedade, Angeline Sarju, Anthony Francis Barneto, Sione Moala, Jewel Milicich, Louna Kalolo, Emma Van Heeswyck, Sharon Lim

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.