



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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.

Parish Office

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Website

www.christthekingcatholic.org.nz

Facebook

[Facebook.com/christthekingnz](https://www.facebook.com/christthekingnz)

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Parish Staff

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& Hall Bookings

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 am

Daily Mass Times

Monday

Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion 9.00 am

Tuesday—Thursday & Saturday

9.00 am

Friday

10.00 am

Exposition/Benediction

Thursdays 9.30 am



Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30 am after
morning Mass

or by appointment

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
after Mass or by appointment.



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 33.33 cents back a tax credit.



260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

28 January 2024

**QUIET!
COME
OUT
OF HIM!**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Year

The Power of Evil

Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man.

In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met.

One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from it's mine to it's ours. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our power, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a free way. Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love.

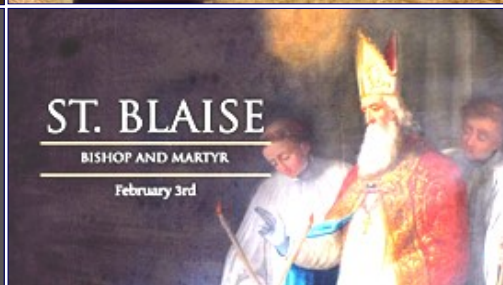
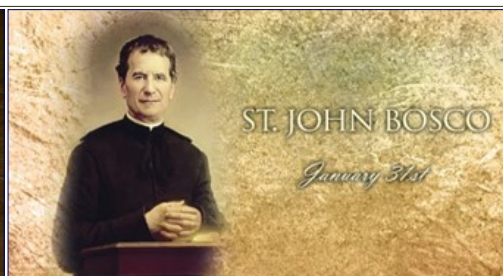
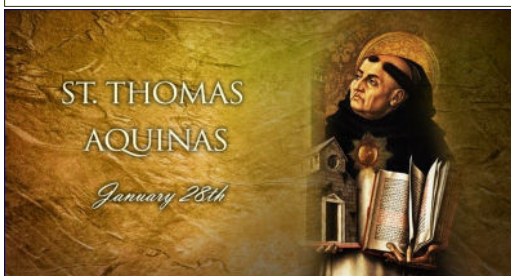
Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget.

The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed. (Donal Neary)

Jesus' Power over Evil

Today's Gospel narrates an account of Jesus healing a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee. A dominant aspect of Jesus' work in proclaiming the good news of the kingdom in Mark is his role as a teacher and this is particularly evident in the early chapters. Here we see his teaching making a deep impression on his hearers and they respond with wonder and astonishment. In this teaching Jesus was, no doubt, speaking of God's will for the world in terms that were easily understood by his hearers. Added to this, his action of exorcising demons can be understood as a way of indicating the triumph of good over evil and showing that now is the time to respond with faith to God's action in the world. The prevalence of exorcisms in the gospels is not to be taken as suggesting there was more demonic possession then than now. It is more likely that these accounts reflect ancient views around a range of illnesses that are more easily diagnosed nowadays.

In this age of information technology and instant access to information and entertainment, we probably appreciate more than ever the worth of a really good teacher. It is an aspect of Jesus' ministry that can easily be lost sight of, and that is a pity because it is more important that we understand his message than that we believe he was a miracle worker. As disciples we are challenged to continue to grow in understanding, to sit at the feet of Jesus the teacher and to take steps to make our own the wonderful good news of the kingdom.



Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms.

Sundays, 04 Feb, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>



What are the origins of the prayer for grace at meals?

There is no prayer for grace at meals that Catholics must precisely say. One is free to speak in other words of blessing and gratitude. However, there is a value in using memorized and widely known prayers so that others can join in the recitation. For this reason, Catholic rituals often set forth forms of prayers to facilitate communal prayer and to serve as models. Interestingly, what most Catholics call "saying grace" is actually a prayer of blessing: "Bless us, Oh Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen."

But the word "grace" comes from the Latin gratia, meaning thanks or gratitude for a grace received. Thus "saying grace" more properly refers to the prayer at the end of the meal which usually begins, "We give you thanks almighty God for these and all your benefits, who live and reign world without end. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen." The tradition of saying a true "grace" at the end of the meal is less common among Catholics today. The expression "say grace" refers generally to any prayer said before a meal. As for the origin of the prayer, it is not clear. It is listed in the Roman Ritual but without attribution. In the Roman Ritual, the familiar portion, "Bless us O Lord..." is part of a longer rite that most surely emerged in a monastic setting.

(Msgr. Charles E. Pope is a pastor in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. the wonderful good news of the kingdom)



Class

Thursday

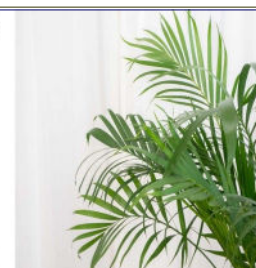
1 February 7 pm

Baptism

Saturday

17 February 2 pm

It's time to bring back
the old palms
you received on
Palm Sunday.
Please pop them
in the basket placed
in the Church foyer
by Sunday
the 11th of February.



We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers,
are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill:
Sandra Shear, Max Joseph F Ng Lam, Margaret Bal, Madonna OTT-Fereti,
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Joaquim D'Souza, Felise Takai, Shirley Canario
Llewellyn Menezes, Helmut Barwig, Charles Fahy, Mick Bennett, Faith Fowler
Br Tony Sisson, Maria Bell

Eternal rest grant unto them, **O** Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.