

# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: 09 626 7123 Website: www.ctk.school.nz

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**

Phone: 09 626 7744

Email: christking@xtra.co.nz

#### Website

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

#### **Parish Staff**

#### **Parish Priest**

Fr Benedict Francis

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# Parish Secretary & Hall Bookings

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Esther Tu'u

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#### **Custodians**

Anae & Lesina 021 1391210

#### For Baptisms and Marriages

please contact the office or email Fr Benedict

#### Sacristan/Rosters

Jerome Tuni 021 0693209

#### **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

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#### 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.



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# Called at Baptism

Following one's vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. A decision to work for the poor or assist people in need is not necessarily a vocation. A vocation meets the human needs of the world but with a motivation from within. We care for our children and grandchildren not just because they are sick or insecure, but because we love them.

this love will move us out to help them in various situations.

We find a call to be 'people for others' because our heart teaches us that with Jesus we are all brothers and sisters, and that God wants to save the world,

and needs our help to do so.

This is the Sunday we all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger.

God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. This is the first Christian calling at our Baptism; we then find the best way for each of us with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call to love.

We think especially today of religious life and priesthood. There are needs for priests, sisters and brothers in most parts of the world. as a community in families and parishes we thank those who have given their lives in these vocations and pray they may increase.

(Donal Neary SJ)



### One Flock and One Shepherd

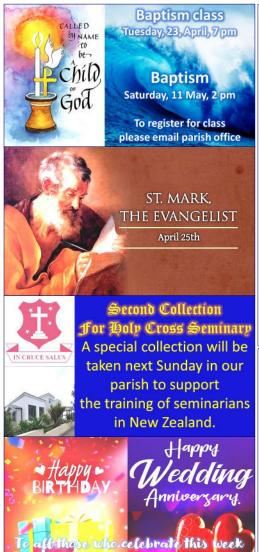
The fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

As the Scriptures continue to remind us how Jesus after the resurrection appeared to the disciples we are called to pause and consider when and how are we surprised by Christ alive in the people we encounter?

#### Pilgrims of Hope -Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope: https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/



## Vocations Sunday

Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.



Attached is a QR Code which directs to the appeal

## Relics Tour

26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience.

More on

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/ calendar/

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:

Neville Fernandes, Charlotte Goolamier, Timu Vaitoo Fuaiva'a Va'afusuaga Mary D'Souza, Ethel Pereira, Clarence Bonsley

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