



# 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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Email: [christking@xtra.co.nz](mailto:christking@xtra.co.nz)

## Website

[www.christthekingcatholic.org.nz](http://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

### Parish Priest

Fr Benedict Francis

Email: [ben196@gmail.com](mailto:ben196@gmail.com)

### Parish Secretary

### & Hall Bookings

Esther Tu'u

Email: [christking@xtra.co.nz](mailto:christking@xtra.co.nz)

### 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



## 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 April 2024

## ***JESUS, THE CENTRE***

Without some centre of unity, groups lose their way. A team which puts its eyes on money rather than on teamwork will lose games. A family which relies on anything other than love to keep it together will fall apart.

The church, the community of Jesus is something similar.

What keeps the church together at its best is Jesus. Human leadership, moral authority, ritual dogmatism, are not the centre of the church. Leadership can fail, moral authority can take wrong turnings and ritual dogmatism can override the concerns of people. The centre of the church is Jesus Christ. Our unity with Jesus is the central bond of the church. He is the Vine, we the branches.

The image of roots and branches, of fruit and tree, all very much part of each other, is what Jesus uses. Only if we can look on Jesus Christ as the centre of our faith can church life be sincere and have the energy which will save and change our world.

Imagine yourself being with Jesus; just the two of you.

Share what is in your heart and listen to how his word echoes within you.

May we dwell in you, Lord, as you dwell in us. Give us your peace, your energy, your joy.  
(Donal Neary SJ)

I am the VINE and you are the BRANCHES

he who ABIDES  
in Me and I in him  
bears much FRUIT

for apart from Me you can do nothing

John 15:5

***Fifth Sunday  
of Easter***



## "Remain in Me and Bear Fruit in Plenty"

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. People do feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.





**Second Collection For Holy Cross Seminary**  
A special collection will be taken this weekend to support the training of seminarians in New Zealand.

**DRCNZ Eucharistic Celebration**  
Sunday 28 April at 4pm

Praise and worship  
**Holy Mass and Adoration**

Sharing the Word  
**Justified By My Faith In Christ**

**CHRIST the KING Church,**  
260 Richardson Rd, Owairaka

*Life in the Spirit Seminar*  
SAT 11<sup>th</sup> MAY - SUN 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

"And I will ask the Father, and HE will give you another Helper, to be with you forever" - John 14:16

Let the Holy Spirit fill you

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**Happy BIRTHDAY**

To all those who celebrate this week

May the Lord bless you and grant you good health and happiness

**Happy Wedding Anniversary.**

To all those who celebrate this week

May the Lord bless you and grant you good health and happiness

**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/>

**"I am the vine you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing".**

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:  
Robyn Aynsley, Monica O'Toole, Don Cuneen, Charles Wijayapala,  
Joan Sisson, Peter Sarju, Raymond Kiely

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