



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

Phone: 09 626 7744

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Website

www.christthekingcatholic.org.nz

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[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

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Parish Secretary

& Hall Bookings

Esther Tu'u

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Custodians

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For Baptisms and Marriages

please contact the office or email
Fr Benedict

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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

12 May 2024



Going Out or Going Up?

The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up! As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is for us now, and to be witnesses to him, sharing what we have received, and heard.

We can be witnesses of Jesus who stayed with the event, not just with a glance. We have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived.

We witness to Jesus in prayer,
in reading the gospel and in service of others in love.

Prayer means being in touch with God who is reaching out to us. The gospel is what feeds us, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness the care of God as we give and receive care.

This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is the divine word in human words. In our work for him, God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, the Ascension is his presence in a new way among us.

Looking up is a religious gesture. Look up to the skies sometimes this week and make a favourite prayer. Lord, may your kingdom come! (Donal Neary SJ)

We are commissioned to be Jesus' People

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and resurrection. He commissions his disciples to go out to the whole world and to preach the Good News. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. Just as the Risen Lord entrusted himself into the hands of such broken people who were with him, he does the same to us. Our own brokenness and sinfulness are so overpowering at times that we forget that this incredible commissioning is possible, even for poor, weak, like us. How often do we marvel at the fact that Christ could truly inhabit us and act through our bodies, minds and hearts.

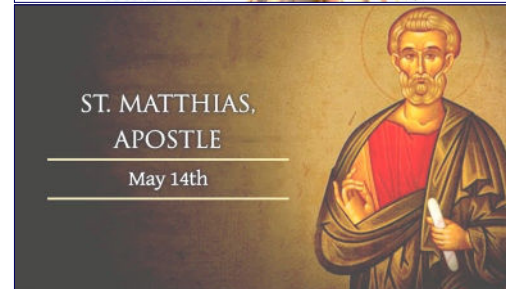
We know that we move toward heaven to the extent that we approach Jesus. We are assured that he hasn't ever stopped being present with us throughout all time. The mysterious feast of the Ascension reminds us that Christ accepts the shadowy and dark areas of our humanity. He accepts our capacity for deceit, betrayal, greed and power. And having accepted us, he calls us, gives us the eternal commission to be his people, and sends us to serve him and love him. Let's get going and carry a piece of heaven into the world. This is the meaning of the Resurrection and the Ascension of our Lord, not one of divine abandonment of the human cause, but divine empowerment of the Gospel dream. May Christ's dying and rising move us to make God's glory dwell on earth. May our hope for the future inspire us in a respect for the present moment. May the desire for the heavenly realities not make us neglect our work on earth.

Pledge Giving Tax Receipts 01 APR 2023 - 31 MAR 2024

Tax receipts for the above period have all been issued and emailed to donors.

If you haven't received, it would be because the office does not have your email address. Please contact the parish office if you require your receipt or have it posted to them.

To the world
you are a
Mother,
but to your family
you are the
World.



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:
Josephine Fernandes, Sue Peita, Valerie Billing, Ivy Meleisea
Manuel Gomes, Dorothy Mulvey, Thea Verheyen, Maria Chin
Margaret Cooney, Gladys Rebello, Margaret Cooney, Gladys Rebello
Nicholas Sarju, Ian Collier

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