



# 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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## 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

[parishoffice@christthekingparish.org.nz](mailto:parishoffice@christthekingparish.org.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

### 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  
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 percentage back a tax credit.



260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041

“To live by faith, to be known by love and to be a voice of hope”

1 December 2024

# 1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent* *Songs of Prophecy and Hope*



## Slow waiting

The four weeks of Advent are a slow wait: one candle this week, the empty crib. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles light the way for them - and for us, one each week of Advent.

Christmas should come quickly - the message of the ads. We could be excused for thinking it is nearly over. The Christmas parties are well under way. Some dinners for the elderly have been held already.

The carols have been playing for weeks now.

The best waiting, like waiting for birth, is slow. Parents wonder about their child - who will he/she be like? The mother needs support and love; the children look forward to another baby; grandparents wait in pride. Even when the family situation is limited, we wait in joy and hope for the child - like Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah and all the bible parents who waited, often for many years.

How is my faith this year from last year? And what would I be asking for?

Would I promise anything to help me wait actively for Jesus

~Mass more often than Sunday, ~ the Angelus every day,

~to read the gospel each day, ~to be kinder and more just,

~ to care for the poor and needy at home or away in war torn or climate challenged countries.

Let my Advent bring me closer to God and effect for the best the lives of those close to me. If we wait in faith and in hope, then everything, even the carols being sung and the celebrations begun too early, can remind us of the God who is coming soon in Jesus Christ, to be born of Mary.

(Donal Neary SJ)

# Advent-A Time of Waiting

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory. The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

 <p><b>Anointing of the sick</b> Friday, 6 December, 10 am Mass</p>	<p><b>Annual Christmas Dinner</b> <b>INVITING ALL VOLUNTEERS</b></p> <p>You are invited to a dinner on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The dinner will be fully catered, drinks excluding alcohol wine and beer (BYO) will be provided.</p> <p>For catering purposes, please RSVP to Esther by Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.</p>
<p><b>Christ the King Catholic School</b> Te Kura Katorika o te Karaiti te Kingi Newport - Commission - Service - Peace - Love</p> <p><b>TWILIGHT FAIR</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER</b> 5:30pm to 9pm</p> <p>JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Food trucks-</li> <li>-Games-</li> <li>-Bouncy castles-</li> <li>-Cake stall-</li> <li>-Face paint-</li> <li>-Raffles-</li> <li>-and much more!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bible Diary 2025</b></p> <p><b>\$20</b></p> <p>Please pay by cash or eftpos</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p><b>2024 Society of St Vincent De Paul</b></p> <p><b>\$5 PER PACK (3 CARDS)</b></p> <p>Available now in foyer</p>
<p><b>JUBILEE 2025</b> <b>PILGRIMS OF HOPE</b></p> <p><b>HOPE</b> PILGRIMS OF HOPE</p>	<p>Prepare the way of the Lord...</p> <p><b>Advent Reconciliation</b> <b>Tuesday 17, December, 7 pm</b></p>

**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, Madonna OTT-Fereti, Malia Afeak Finau

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
George Butler, Joan Sarju, Sharlet Vaz, Mary Vaz, Charlie Overee  
Gerald Mendez, Peter Bakker, Grant Dickson, Delphine D'Cunha

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*