



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.

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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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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

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"

22 December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Christmas

Mass Times

Tuesday 24 December

Vigil 6:00 pm Carols 5:30 pm

Midnight Carols 11:30 pm

Wednesday 25 December

9:00 am ONLY

New Year

Tuesday 31 December

Vigil : 11:00 pm

Wednesday 01 January 2025

9:00 am ONLY

*Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God*



Sharing and Celebrating faith

One of Mary's first recorded journeys was after the announcement to her that she was to be the mother of God. It was a journey of service, a visit to her cousin who needed help. When dealing with such challenges as pregnancy bereavement, redundancy, a son in prison, or a daughter on drugs - we want to talk and we want support.

Mary and Elizabeth had something else to share - their faith. The prayers they said have been said ever since. The stage was small but the audience has been millions ever since. They were not shy about their faith in their God.

In a time like ours we need to externalise our faith - to go to Church, send a card with a Christmas greeting, not just a season's wish - not to parade, but to make present our faith.

The meaning this week is - Jesus is born, and we celebrate that together, with thanks, music, socialising, prayer and Mass. We need to find God again, and let ourselves be open to him in the deepest areas of life, just like both these women, Mary and Elizabeth, and their spouses Joseph and Zechariah were open to God promptings.

(Donal Neary SJ)

Spirit of service

Already we can see a major theme of Luke's Gospel being unfolded at this early stage in the coming of Jesus, even before his birth in Bethlehem. For we are presented with the humility of the mother and her Son. It is they who go to visit and not they who are visited. There is no question of status or 'face' with these two people. Even before he is born, Jesus already comes to serve and not to be served. It is through service we will recognise him as Lord. It is the beginning of God's great plan to bring salvation and wholeness to the world. God's own Son is preparing to come and live among us as a human being. He will be like us in every respect except in his freedom from sinfulness and its source—our fears and insecurity. As we party our way through the Christmas season, let us not forget what it is really about—the coming of God among us to show us the greatest love that can be shown, the laying down of one's life for one's friends.

The payers at Mass remind us to look forward to the life of Jesus, a life lived totally in love that will end in suffering and death as the way to glory and everlasting life. Christmas might seem a strange time to be thinking of the suffering of Jesus. But Jesus' life is to be seen as a seamless robe—birth in poverty to death on a cross as the essential way to new life and glory. We celebrate his birth because of the triumphant victory of his death. He emptied himself for love of us and the Father has raised him to the highest heavens.



The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024 at 7pm, with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who will then preside over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica. It will be possible to follow the event only through the giant screens installed in St. Peter's Square.

Acknowledgements

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Have a great Christmas with families and friends and Joy-filled 2025
-Father Benedict

**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:

Greg Mulvey, David Sarju, Ruben Bulacja, Louey Sami, Maria Ierome,
Rev. Father Martin Bugler, Irene Carvalho, Lawrence Miller, David Fernandes, Mervyn
Valladares, Michael Thoman, Diego Cardoz, Mele Toe'umu Tuipulotu
Kenneth Fernandes, Alan Ryan, Susitina Luamanu Fiava'a, Patrick Sarju

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.