



# 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

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

### Website

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

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"

8 December 2024



## Advent reminds us God is near

This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that Jesus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.

The gospel from John the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary.

All of the weeks of Advent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of Advent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation - like when we dress in the football team's colours early in the morning to look forward to a match. If we take time for the spiritual preparation with some prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying - all reminders that God is near. (Donal Neary SJ)

## Repentance: Reform our Lives

On the second and third Sundays of Advent, the church gives us John the Baptist as a model of someone who knows how to wait. In this first passage we have Luke's summary of the mission of John the Baptist. It is none other than the mission of Jesus himself and of all preachers of the gospel. Luke begins his account of the ministry of Jesus by putting it in its historical context. He tells us about who was in charge in the worlds of politics and religion and then introduces us to someone who was something of a threat to them both. John the Baptist is presented as inviting the people to repent, to turn again to God and to show their desire to do this by being baptised - a symbolic washing. In so doing John is seen as fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah in which there is a call to remove every obstacle that might stand in the way of God showing his salvation to his people.

This gospel reminds us of one of the key themes of Advent: repentance.

Repentance and its associated colour purple remind many people of the season of Lent rather than Advent but it is not difficult to see why it is so central to our preparation for the coming of Jesus. Without it, the season of Christmas can simply slide into an excuse for over-indulgence, an opportunity to party in an effort to get over the darkness of winter. These readings show the true meaning of repentance, for they speak about leaving aside anything that might blind us to what God wants for us, and opening ourselves to something new and wonderful and beyond our wildest dreams. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.



**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*

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, 9 December  
Solemnity of the immaculate  
Conception of the BVM  
Mass at 9 am

Tuesday 10 December  
Our Lady of Loreto

Wednesday, 10 December  
St Damascus I, Pope

Thursday, 11 December  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, 13 December  
St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday, 14 December  
St John of the Cross, Priest  
and Doctor of the Church



Let's prepare the church grounds  
for Christmas

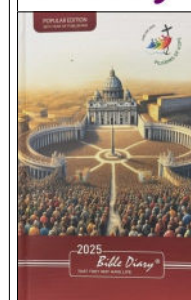
**WORKING BEE**  
Saturday,  
21 December, 10 am



**Annual Christmas Dinner**  
**INVITING ALL VOLUNTEERS**  
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.  
For catering purposes,  
please RSVP to Esther by  
Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December



**Advent Reconciliation**  
**Tuesday 17, December, 7 pm**



Bible Diary 2025

**\$20**

Please pay  
by cash or eftpos  
Thank you



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
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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:  
Viliami Tuipulotu, Anna Margarida Barneto, David Feki, Carla Tu'ipulotu (Akosita)  
Walter Fernandes, Kathleen Ryan, Sean Piacun, Rosita Uy Lim

*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.*