



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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[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

Sacristan/Rosters

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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

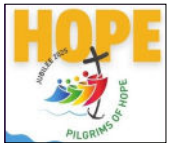
The Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick
is offered to anyone in
danger of death.

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"

9 March 2025

Temptation of Jesus

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

Trust in the Lord, Refuge in God, Repentance

Jesus tempted off course

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off course with three temptations - to comfort, power, and wealth - three things that can take us over.

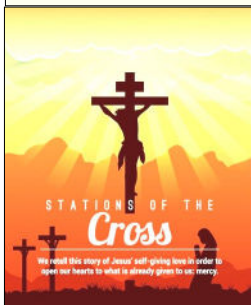
Money, power and comfort can lead us astray....when we want wealth, to be no. 1 and prioritise comfort in various ways.

He goes back to the word of God to find strength and insight to fight off evil - to the words he learned at home, and at school.

A big source of energy for us is the word of God. On Ash Wednesday the invitation was to believe the good news.

That is where we may find life and strength.

We remain in the Church because of Jesus Christ. The word of God in his gospel remains life-giving and strong. Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. So too does the unexpected, and scandals have happened in many of the national institutions. Church life may leave us down and weak, but the spirit who kept Jesus strong in the desert will do the same for us. (Donal Neary S.J.)



**Fridays
in Lent
at 7 pm
in the
Church**

**Please Contact
Parish office**

RCIA ... a journey in faith

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The next Retreat will be held at Mary McKillop Centre, April 11-13, 2025. For more information Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email wendy@rachelsvineyard.org.nz

SAFE

Leaflets are available in the foyer

0800 114 622

For concerns or complaints involving someone within the Catholic Church call:

0800 114 622

A SAFE CHURCH FOR EVERYONE EVERYDAY

CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!
There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us this year! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at dans@cda.org.nz and/or check out our socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy"

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND
The Bishops Conference has recently launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnews.co.nz/>

Lent-An annual retreat

The period of Lent is six weeks to help us do precisely that. The Church provides Lent almost like an annual retreat, a time for deepening the understanding of our Christian faith, a time for reflection and renewal and a time to make a fresh start. It was a pious custom in the past for people, as part of their Lenten observance, to go to Mass every day during this time. This is even more meaningful now since the Second Vatican Council and the reformation of the liturgy, because we are provided with a magnificent set of Scripture readings from both the Hebrew (Old) and Christian (New) Testaments every day during the Lenten season.

In the First Reading of today's Mass, Moses speaks to the Israelites at the end of their forty years wandering in the desert and he prepares them for their new life in the Promised Land. That is what the Lenten season is meant to do for us also. Traditionally on this First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel speaks of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Jesus has just completed his forty days of preparation in the desert and he now faces one more test before he begins his mission. This incident takes place between the baptism of Jesus and the start of his public mission, beginning (in Luke's Gospel) at Nazareth.

A time of beginning

In the early centuries of the Church, Lent was seen as a time of beginning. It was—and again now is—a time for forming new converts, preparing them for their formal entry into the Church community by baptism and confirmation during the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at the Easter Vigil. Today, in fact, is their day of Election. Our catechumens are entering the last six weeks of preparation for Baptism. Let us pray for them and be in solidarity with them during this time. For those of us who are already baptised, it can equally be a new beginning. Often we prefer to stay with the known and the familiar, even though it does not give us great satisfaction. We can settle into a routine kind of Christianity that goes on basically unchanged from year to year. It is not very inspiring, but we stick with it rather than risk the unknown that radical conversion can bring.

**We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers,
for the sick, recovering from surgery or are terminally ill
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Nicholas Humby, Aloysius Bonsley, Neville Rodrigues, Jane Aspen,
Rudolf Braganza, Neville Fernandes, Elena Fanene, Jack Gunn

*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, rest in peace. Amen.*