



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
KO TE KARAITI KEI TE PŪ
Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

21st November 2021
Christ the King, Year B

Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns!

Today is the 34th and the last Sunday in Ordinary time and traditionally on this Sunday we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. With this we also come to the grand finale of the Liturgical Year B. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and with that we go on to the new Liturgical Year C. As we come to the end of this Liturgical Year, as always, we look to the future; the ultimate future when Christ the King will return in glory for the final judgment.

Why is this feast celebrated at the end of the Liturgical Year? The feast of Christ the King fits very appropriately into the Liturgical Year – a cycle which begins with Advent, then moves on to Christmas or the actual birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem, then to the dying and rising of Jesus at Easter, and finally, after the Sundays in Ordinary time, to the end of the Liturgical Year where Jesus Christ comes in glory at the end of time in today's feast of Christ the King.

The word '*king*' evokes all kinds of images. While it is true that kings and kingship belong to the past – they are extinct and if at all they exist, they could be found in history books. And whatever image of king comes to our mind may influence subconsciously our thoughts about this feast. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy.

Jesus is a unique King with a unique kingdom. The human hearts are his kingdom, Angels are his guardians, and the **Sermon on the Mount** is his rule of law. Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. The Kingdom of God is the central **teaching of Jesus**.

The **Solemnity** of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the Church year. It is also a summary of our lives as Christians. On this great feast day, let us surrender our lives to the rule of Christ and resolve to give Christ the central place in our lives. Today let us ask ourselves this fundamental question: "Is Christ reigning in my life?" and conclude the Church year: by proclaiming Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns!



Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil
Assistant Priest

Masses have been offered for:

Joseph Puentener, Herbert Zitzenbacher (Austria) (recent); Mark Daly; Yvonne Sisson, Patrick & Joseph Keane, P T Ulahannan (anniversary) Mary & Luke Keane, Dolly & Doug Williams, Maree Khouri; Souls in Purgatory (2), Special Intention (3)

No 7.30am Masses this week – Due to Fr Simon being on leave and Fr Thanh on the annual clergy retreat this week, the 7.30am Masses are cancelled. The 9.15am and 12.05pm Masses continue as usual.

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASS TIMES DURING ALERT LEVEL 2

Saturday 4.30pm and 5.30pm
Sunday 7.00am, 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 4.00pm and 5.00pm
Te Rangimarie Centre
11:00am (Miha Māori)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday
7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm
Saturday 9.15am
Public Holiday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am
Saturday 9.45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY DAN 7: 13-14; APOCALYPSE 1: 5-8, 18; GOSPEL: JOHN 18: 33-37
PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS KING; HE IS ROBED IN MAJESTY.

Pastoral Letter: *Living, Caring, Worshipping and Ministering in a Covid-19 World*

The Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand have written a pastoral letter on Vaccination Requirements under the Traffic Light System. You can view it online –

Extended: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Bishops-Pastoral-Letter-Covid-19-vaccinations-extended.pdf>

Condensed: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Bishops-Pastoral-Letter-Covid-19-vaccinations-condensed2.pdf>

The Names of our beloved Dead at the foot of the Altar Place names of those whom you wish to have prayed for in the box at the altar. They will be remembered at every Mass during November.

A Big Thank You We are so grateful to the faithful team across all our Sunday Masses who look after parishioners in front of house. From registrations, to cleaning down the pews, door handles etc, to setting up for the following Masses. Many of you do this work Sunday after Sunday. May God bless your faithful generosity.

Staff Movements Fr Simon is on leave now until 1st December. Fr Thanh is on the annual clergy retreat this week. Kirsten Challies is on leave this week.

Columban Calendars 2022 are now available from the Parish Office \$12 each. Cash or internet banking only. These will be sold from the church from the beginning of Advent (28th November).



SVDP Christmas Angels Christmas Angels will be available in the Narthex over this weekend and next. Please take one with you. Each Angel identifies a way you can assist a family this Christmas. Please return your Christmas Angels on either the weekend of the 28th November or 5th December. Thank you.

Parish Mission Our last day of Parish Mission, praying for Auckland, is this coming Saturday – 27th with Adoration from 10.00am – 4.00pm in the Church. Please keep up the prayers and if you want to make a financial contribution to help with those in need up there, please do so by making an online payment to SVDP: account 03 1700 0027831 00, use the reference 'Auckland'.

Global Synod – We have one more meeting for the Global Synod this week – 7:30pm Wednesday evening in the Narthex. Please book with the office to ensure you have a spot.

Catholic Women's League Inner City Raffle

The Catholic Women's League are unable to hold their raffle in the church due to Alert Level 2 restrictions. They are fundraising for a Downs Syndrome Camp. There are 8 prizes and tickets are available from the parish office during office hours. \$2 each or \$10 for a book of 6 tickets.

Advent Beginning Monday 29th November you can join in daily weekday online prayer with Kirsten Challies throughout Advent. You can access this on the parish Facebook page or please email her if you would like to receive it in your email inbox: kchallies@cathedralparish.nz

Cathedral Brotherhood are having an end of year dinner for men of the parish to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy and share in fellowship. **Thursday November 25th from 6.30pm.** Dinner will be provided at the Cathedral Presbytery, 122 Barbadoes St. \$10pp & BYO drinks. RSVP essential to phil.clare.bell@gmail.com or Phil on 02102914855.

Are there any Justices of the Peace in our parish? If so would you make yourself known to the parish office. There are occasions when we need the services of a JP.

Pews We have about 8 pews from Innes Road church for sale to interested parishioners. They are 3.36 metres long (rimu) – very good condition - \$200 each. Please contact Kirsten in the parish office on 022 063 5119 if you are interested. We will only be selling to people who are listed as parishioners on our parish roll.

Plants and shrubs If you would be interested in any of the plants at the Innes Road parish site, then please get in touch with Kirsten on 022 063 5119.

Congratulations To Malaika Sequeira for being named as Dux of Marian College! – to Sarah McKenzie for the Catholic Charisms award and to all our senior students who have faithfully served in their colleges this year.

Food for Faith offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

CDF Christmas Club Account A Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy of

Christmas without unnecessary stress. Contact the CDF
on 0800 403 863 to set up an account.