



Jesus Christ is the Ruler of the kings of the earth...

Jesus did not fit the traditional model of kingship that history created!

- He **didn't** have a palace, or an army to go into battle for him.
- He **didn't** have a crown of jewels or a throne.

HOWEVER...

- He **loved** and **accepted** those that needed His love
- He **forgave** and **challenged** those that made mistakes
- He showed **compassion** and **kindness** to those that were frail and poor
- He **wept** when his heart was broken with loss and anguish.
- His **wisdom** was beyond mankind's comprehension.
- He **changed** the world forever.

Jesus came because God sent him to be a servant among mankind; the ultimate servant-leader.

In today readings the prophet Daniel says "His sovereignty is eternal."

The Psalmist sings, "The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty."

The book of Apocalypse reads, "Jesus Christ is the Ruler of the kings of the earth."

And finally in John's Gospel Jesus says, "yes, I am a king. I was born for this; I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

So, how can we honour Him - Jesus Christ - our King?

The perfect way is in the celebration of the Mass. This is where we can be with Him, hear from Him in His word, pray to Him and receive Him in the Eucharist.

In the Mass **we become Christ's army** - we are his people here on earth to be at his service for the great mission of the Church - to spread the Good News of the Gospel: **Love and serve the Lord, and love others as He did.**



By participating **FULLY** in the Mass - that is by responding with the spoken communal prayers, and singing as one voice - our minds and hearts are truly lifted up to God in heaven.

This weekend we complete our Parishes First Holy Communion Programme. We have had seven Masses for 150 children from across our whole Parish, from Christ the King, St Albans, St Patricks and St Josephs Catholic Schools and several state schools.

These celebrations have been so holy and respectful and I am sure our children will have such lasting memories of the first time they received Jesus into their hearts and souls.

May they and their families forever hunger for the true Food of Life - Jesus.

I pray that we, the Parishioners of Christchurch North Parish, forever know and serve Jesus, the King of Kings.



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LEVEL 2 SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE WEEKEND MASSES

**Reminder: all Sunday Masses will be
celebrated at Christ the King Church**

Saturday Vigil : 5pm, 6:30pm

Sunday : 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 5pm.

LEVEL 2 WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

Monday - Friday : 7am, 9:15am, Noon

Saturday : 9.15am

Followed by Reconciliation

9:45am - 10:45 am

Just a reminder that during
Lockdown Level Two (and
above) **the dispensation
from attending Sunday
Mass continues.**

**CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER
FOR SUNDAY MASS**

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CatholicDioceseOfChristchurch/SundayMassRegistration2>

Please phone the parish
office if you do not have
access to the internet before
2pm Friday, we do not work
on Saturdays.

FR RICK IS AWAY ON RETREAT (21 - 26 November)

Please keep Fr Rick (and the other priests) in your prayers as they head away on retreat this week.

Fathers Alister, Edwin and Kevin will still be available.

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Our church has held several synods, where the Pope gathers bishops (and others) in Rome to discuss a particular topic. The difference about this synod is that Pope Francis is inviting **the whole Church across the world** to take part and the synod is looking at the nature of the church itself. The diocesan phase of the synod has begun in our diocese. The theme of "communion, participation and mission" provides a focus of how we as a church journey together as pope, bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful.

In our parish you are invited to attend a small group guided reflection process, on **Sunday 5th December at 12.30pm at Christ the King Pastoral Centre**. Please **RSVP (as we are limited to 25 people)** by visiting <https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/event/synod-guided-reflection/>. We will have more opportunities so don't worry if you miss out this time!

For more information about the synod, see www.chchcatholic.nz/synod or contact Fr Alister



RSVP HERE

NORTH PARISH BUILDING PROJECT

Parish Building Engagement
Information Sharing Days

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It was important to have a process where we engaged with as many of you as possible to ensure we understood your message.



SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Drop in between

1 pm - 3:30pm

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre

**Our vision for the Catholic North Parish is of a missionary parish
bringing people to come to know Jesus Christ personally,
helping them grow as disciples, and going out to others with the Gospel message.**

INTERESTED IN GOING ON PILGRIMAGE IN 2022?

We are extending this opportunity to any parishioner across our Diocese.

Fr Alister will be leading a pilgrimage to Wellington in honour of Venerable Suzanne Aubert in January 2022, while Fr Rick leads a pilgrimage to Northland in honour of Bishop Pompallier in March 2022.

**For the dates and prices, please visit -
<https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/pilgrimages-2022/>**

Flyers are also available in the foyer of our Churches.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

7pm - Thursday 25 November, Christ the King Church

To all those who have lost loved ones over the past year and would like them remembered, please contact Judith O'Sullivan
worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz or 027 261 5655

ST AUGUSTINE'S BOOKSHOP

Hours are 9.30am - 12.30pm, Tuesday - Saturday.
Please follow level 2 procedure of scanning
in and wearing face masks.



If you are interested in volunteering for the bookshop
please contact Dan on 022 1751 789

DOVE FELLOWSHIP

The Dove team regrets that they are unable to have further Dove meetings until we are in Covid Level 1.
This is Dove National policy to keep us all safe.

COOK WANTED

We are seeking a cook for eight elderly women in their faith-based assisted living facility. Duties include preparation of morning tea and a midday main meal (traditional Kiwi food). Empathy and experience valued over qualifications. Sundays (8am-1pm) and Mondays (8am-12:30). Some flexibility possible.
Please email Colette at rsmhouse@extra.co.nz to apply.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2022

Catholic Women's League are selling calendars after all weekend Masses or from the parish office during office hours. \$12 each



SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A lunch for seniors will be held
at St Matthew's hall
108 Jeffreys Road
Bryndwr
on **Wednesday November 24**
from 11.30 am



Due to Covid 19 restrictions numbers are limited to 80
Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer of Christ the King church or phone Marie 352 2707



ANOINTING MASSES (all at St. Gregory's Church)

Friday 10 December, Noon

Tuesday 14 December, Noon

We invite anyone who would like to be anointed with the Oil of the Sick to our Anointing Masses. Please make contact with the parish office if you need transport to these Masses. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we are unable to have a luncheon afterwards.

SACRISTANS WANTED

Can you help?



We are looking for more people to join our Sacristans roster. The more people we have, then the less frequently you will be required. Full training will be given, and you will be rostered with someone experienced to begin with. We will have a training/refresher session for new and experienced sacristans on **Tuesday 30 November at 10 am at CTK** and on **Tuesday 7 December at 7pm at St Gregory's Church**. You are welcome to attend either one of these dates. Please RSVP your attendance or if you would like to know more to Judith on 027 261 5655 or at worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz



PARISH FRIENDSHIP & DINING GROUP

Join us for our Christmas party and last get together for the year Tuesday 7 December.

The bus will leave from Christ the King at 11.30 am to a dining destination. Please note the day change and RSVP to Michele Ward by Friday 3 December.
Bring along your friends.

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night 31 January
to 11 April 2022
6.30 - 8.30pm

day 2 February
to 13 April
9.15 - 11.15am

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INVEST IN CHRISTMAS JOY



A CDF Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy that the birth of Jesus brings without unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year.

Your savings are available from 1 December in time for Christmas celebrations or even summer holiday expenses. Your account will earn interest for you while doing good within our community.

cdf.org.nz

CDF - INVEST IN GOOD: 0800 40 3863

Please send all bulletin and noticeboard posters to bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz
Deadline - 9am Thursday Morning and are at the discretion of the Priests and Administration Team.

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
CHRISTCHURCH
NORTH
MASS TIMES**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE
CENTRE OF THE
BULLETIN
FOR
COVID LEVEL 2
MASS TIMES**

**REMINDER:
REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED FOR
WEEKEND MASSES
ONLY**

**RECONCILIATION
TIMES
Saturdays
Refer to Level 2
guidelines**

St Gregory's
9:45 - 10:45 am

[or by appointment]

ADORATION

St Gregory's Perpetual
Adoration Chapel
24 hours a day, 7 days
a week

**TO REQUEST A
PRAYER
TEXT
021 413 659**

PREFERENCE TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Preferences are signed on the first, second and third Friday of each month between 3 - 4pm at the Parish office 26 Cotswold Ave Bishopdale.

If you require a preference for your primary school child, please make contact with the Parish Office before attending one of these three signing sessions on 359 1438

Last signing for the year will be Friday 10 December and will resume on Friday 4 February 2022

The office will be closed from Friday 17 December and will reopen on Monday 10 January 2022



21 November: Greg Healey, Vivienne Lockwood, Marie Slattery, Joseph Tudor, John Laffey, Paul Fitzgerald, Kevin McCormick, Eileen Knight.

22 November: Natalie Edmonds, Patricia Hawker, Peter Mahar, Lena Dean, Mary Lawrence, Maureen (Ming) Simpson, Denis Shears, Hazel Harris.

23 November: Mary Dolheguy, Ron Cusack, Michael Atkin, Violet Myers, Julia Pearce, Matthew Daley, Eileen Cains, Charles Harker, Helen Lynch, Anna (Anneke) Van Der Leij, Brian King, Veronica (Rona) Donovan, Violet Myers.

24 November: Rose Callaghan, Douglas Keenan, Clare Dawson, Grace Robinson, Trevor Wilson, Harry McLean, Bridget Rose, Rose Scott.

25 November: John Slattery, Mary Kerr, James Lysaght, Betty Kirkpatrick, Carmel Otto, James Worthington, Esther Dorman, Philippa Longley, Eileen Currie.

26 November: John O'Keefe, Mary Cosgrove, Geoffrey Ross, Jean Wilson, Eve McKeivith, Marie Wilson, John Ryan, Kenneth Mildon.

27 November: Peggy Kennedy, Patrick Kenny, Joseph McDonald, Daisy Hodnett, Lee Silcock, Anita Ritchie, Sheila Jackson, Brian Hennessey, Tine Arkestayn, Thomas Hall, Noeline Diver, Margaret Brown, James Kelly, Ivy Browne.



Those who have recently died:

Noeline Klemick, Sister M. Adrian Keating, Monica Kelly, John Outram, William Cairns, Dean Leighton, Arthur Regan, Doreen Ford, Alexander (Alex) Voon, Anne Sheard, Margaret Hanley, Robert (Bob) Jones.

Mass Intentions:

Margaret Collins (Ann), Susanne George (RIP Ann), Brian King (RIP Ann.), Joseph & Lois Hurley Deceased members of the Hurley, Groom & Bird Families.

Those who are sick:

Monsignor Bill Middleton, Colleen McCammon, Mary Fitzgerald, Noel Mullis, Margaret Aynsley, Philip Baird, Mary de Leijer, Neill Williamson, Kath Carrington, Tanya Boers, Mary Arscott, Frank Newsome, Lily Wei, Aimee Brown, Harry Albert, Pat Selvam, Fran Edmonds, Fr Pat Kennedy, Mel Sugrue, Robyn Holmes, Jenny Le Noel, John Maunsell, Hamish Galbraith.

Please keep in your prayers all those who have no one to pray for them.



**The priests are available for
emergencies by phoning the presbytery
directly on (03) 359 0444**

Please Note:
The Parish Office hours are
Mon - Fri, 9 - 2pm