



A Special Way to start the New Year 2020

You are invited to attend
Holy Mass on Tuesday 31st
December 2019 at 12.00pm
Midnight.

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament from 11.00pm

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Christmas 2019



CHRIST THE KING
BURNSIDE



DATES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

DAY	DATE	MASS TIME
Christmas Eve	Tues 24 Dec 2019	8.00pm Mass - Carols 7.30pm
		12.00 Midnight Mass - Carols 11.30pm
Christmas Day	Wed 25 Dec 2019	8.00am - Children's Mass
		10.00am Mass
		4.00pm Chinese Mass
New Year's Eve	Tues 31 Dec 2019	11.30pm Mass, Exposition from 10.30pm
New Year's Day	Wed 1 Jan 2020	9.00am

Reconciliation in our Pastoral Area

VENUE	DATE	RITE II RECONCILIATION
CTK Burnside	Wed 11 Dec 2019	7.30pm
Papanui	Tues 12 Dec 2019	7.00pm
Bryndwr	Tues 17 Dec 2019	6.30pm
Riccarton	Wed 18 Dec 2019	7.00pm
Mairehau	Thurs 19 Dec 2019	7.00pm
VENUE	DATE	RITE I RECONCILIATION
CTK Burnside	Sat 21 Dec 2019	9.30 until 10.30am
CTK Burnside	Sun 22 Dec 2019	4.00 until 5.00pm
CTK Burnside	Mon 23 Dec 2019	4.30 until 5.30pm
CTK Burnside	Tues 24 Dec 2019	9.30 until 10.30am and 4.30 until 5.30pm

Regular Mass times and holiday reconciliation

DAY	MASS TIME	HOLIDAY RECONCILIATION
Saturdays	9.00am	9.30am until 10.30am
	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday	9.00am	
	11.00am	
Weekdays	9.00am	



CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL - YEAR 4



Dear God

I am so grateful for my chance to be in the Middle school, to do the Duathlon and to have my own computer. Lord I am so grateful. Lord thank you for all my chances. Amen

Lachlan Callaghan



Dear God

I am thankful for this year that I have a really nice teacher (P.S. Ms Ford). We had Athletics Day, it was the best day ever! I am thankful for a great school, thank CTK. I am really thankful for that I have lovely and great priest. They say masses, love you! That we get hot dogs yum yum! So if you want to know how much I love CTK. Amen

Isabella Amaris



Dear God

Thank you for all the fun times I've had this year, like my cousins coming over and going on fun holidays. For all the fun events at school, like the duathlon, gymnastics and all the fun moments at school. I'm also grateful for the prizes and medals I've got. I'm also thankful for my family and my coaches at gymnastics. Amen

Ben Kime



Dear God

I am thankful for all the sporting events I've taken part in. I am also thankful for all the feasts like the C.T.K Feast Day or our hangi. But the thing I am most thankful for is my trip to Ireland & England to see my family. Amen

Ava Doyle



Dear God

I am so thankful for being in the cross country, duathlon and athletics. I am also thankful for going to the Gold Coast, in Australia. I am thankful for being in such a nice school with a great church and teachers and our principal Mr Bonisch. I am also thankful for my friends and how nice they are. I am also thankful for my family and how they set up my Birthday. I am very thankful and grateful for everything. I am also very thankful for my cats. Amen

Harry Farmer



Dear God

Thanks for my school and how I learn for my food and my life.

Thank you for my family and friends.

Amen

Lucas Ward



CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL - YEAR 4

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Dear God

I am thankful for the big holiday to Fiji this year that I have been on all the sport lessons such as netball, cricket, athletics, cross country and duathlon. I am also thankful that my Nanann and Pops are coming back from Wales this year. Amen

Medi de Roo

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Dear God

I am thankful for the times you came and talked to us and making the sacraments possible at C.T.K. Thank you for all the help throughout the year. Thank you for all opportuning to be an Altar Server, saying the prayers of the Faithful, offertory and working the overhead projector. Thanks

Ben Richards

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Dear God

Thank you for this amazing year. Thank you for giving me a good start to the Middle School. Thank you for Athletics and my placings. Thank you to my friends, and thank you that nothing bad has happened to me. Amen

Keshali Maddumarachchi

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Dear God

I am thankful for an amazing teacher and a great class. I am thankful for all the events I have done in this year, and I am thankful for making new friends. I am also thankful for a good season of Rugby League. This year I have been super grateful for my birthday because I got a new watch, more money and having a party with my family and friends. What I am also thankful for is having the best family, and I am thankful for is getting 1st place in shot put. Amen

Jacob Ioane

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Dear God

Thank you for all the fun times this year like sports, 1st Holy Communion and Reconciliation and lots more. Please help me as I go into Year Five. Please help it to be a good year. Amen

Lenny Peck

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Dear God

What I'm Thankful For

I am thankful for my life my lovely school. My lovely home, and my lovely friends family. The best mum and best dad, and my brother and all my family. I thank The Holy Spirit for them and I am very happy for all the things I see every day.

Thank you so, so, so much Lord. Amen

Charlotte Moriarty



Message
from
Fr Rick



I praise and thank God for the year that has almost passed as we approach the Feast of Christmas. The parishes of Christ the King, Burnside and Holy Trinity, Bryndwr have experienced all the movement of human life from birth to death, baptisms Marriages and funerals. We pray for those who this year we have sent to God in our families and among our friends.

At the Feast of Pentecost Bishop Paul presented us with a startling and radical new plan for the Diocese to help us move from maintenance to mission. I was amongst those who found this desire of the Bishop's for renewal in our hearts and in our activity exciting. Now following a substantial feedback period he has announced the plan. For us in our two parishes it will mean joining with the Parish of St Joseph's, Papanui and we three parishes becoming at Pentecost next year a completely new North parish. I, Fr Kevin Wei, Fr Edwin Colaco and Fr Alister Castillo will make up the

priestly team of this new parish. In fact from February next year, 2020, we have been appointed to three present parishes so as to begin the work of forming one new parish and to reflect with parishioners on the new leadership structure of the new North Parish.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the life of our two parishes in 2019.

As we celebrate the Birth of our Saviour let us remind ourselves of the magnitude of this event. God broke into our world to forgive our sins and to transform our human joys and sorrows by the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very life of God himself.

This Christmas let us allow this Good News to take root anew in our hearts. Then we will be open to the wonderful challenge of transforming our parishes and homes.

God bless and a happy and holy Christmas.



**Grant, we pray almighty God,
that, as we are bathed in the new
radiance of your incarnate Word,
the light of faith, which illumines
our minds,
may also shine through our deeds.**



This beautiful prayer is the Opening Prayer for the Christmas Mass celebrated at dawn, and it gives us a sense of what this Christmas season is about.

In this season, we are “bathed in the new radiance,” which is the person of Jesus Christ: God, who became human in order to restore what we had lost in the fall, and bring us back to the divine friendship of God. This is very much a joyous occasion. Although God could have done away with humanity after the fall, He, from the very beginning, had a plan to bring us back to himself.

The above prayer reminds us that Christ—who is the light of faith—not only illumines our minds and allows us to understand the things of heaven, but also calls for us to turn faith into action through our works. May what we have received and understood become incarnate in our actions.

Throughout this great feast of Christmas, let us allow the radiance of the incarnate Word to “illumine our minds” and “shine through our deeds.” As Pope Francis addressed the crowds in St. Peter’s Square in 2013:

“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing the joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women!”

May the blessings of the Christ Child be with you and your families during this Christmas Season, and may each and every one of you enjoy a blessed and holy Christmas!

Fr. Alister Castillo



CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

As the school year draws to a close and the Christmas season is upon us, we feel fortunate at Christ the King School that our Special Character allows us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas... what Catholics often refer to as “Jesus is the reason for the season.”

Through our Religious Education curriculum we are able to delve deeply into the significance of Christ’s birth, the historical aspects surrounding the area where He was born, and celebrate the fact that this season is as important today as it was 2000 years ago. It becomes the focus for the whole school and provides a culture where we embrace the lead up to the birth of Christ and promote this by extending goodwill towards others.

This Christmas season we have asked our Year 4 students to think about what it is that they have been most thankful about this year. Our students are quick to recognise the fact that they are indeed fortunate to live in a safe country and not incur the suffering and anguish that many children around the world have to suffer. The children wanted to express thanks for the blessings and experiences that had been bestowed upon them, they wanted to give thanks for their families and friends and they wanted to thank God for his love and mercy.



As you read them you will see that they are written from a child’s view, from their experiences, but written from the heart. Often they are giving thanks for something that they achieved through hard work and endeavour. It serves as a timely reminder to us as adults to also give thanks for the many blessings we have experienced over the past year.

Christ the King School would like to thank our Parish for its continued support over the past year, we value the partnerships we have with our priests and church community and look forward to this continuing into the future. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to our continued relationship in 2020.

Merry Christmas, Mete Kirihemete, from Christ the King school.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank both the parish and school communities for their support this year. Your generous donations of food, money and time is very much appreciated by the conference and those families who they help at times of need throughout the year.

50 children from Christ the King School recently joined the community at Laura Fergusson and sung Christmas carols with them. This wonderful display of love from one community to another has certainly been appreciated by the residents and staff at Laura Fergusson. Thank you children.

With your love, generosity and support we will continue our wonderful work in to 2020.



2019 has been a challenging year with significant changes. I was appointed as assistant priest, assisting Father Rick and Father Alister with the combined Parishes of Holy Trinity and Christ the King.

Bishop Paul insisted that we celebrate liturgies and Masses at both churches.

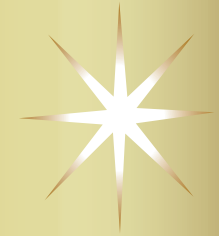
Although it has been a joy to celebrate with the congregation of both Parishes, it has been hard to remember where I am supposed to be most of the time. Consequently, I have got times mixed up and forgotten to turn up at Christ the King for Benediction and Masses.

There are more things going on at Christ the King with Benediction, Novenas Reconciliation and all sorts of announcements to be made after Masses.

Next year will bring even more changes with the addition of Papanui Parish. It is the Bishops wishes and I am happy and honoured to comply and before I forget, I do know and love my parishioners at both Parishes. It is always a team effort especially with all the lovely volunteers and helpers at both places.

Blessed Christmas to everyone and a glorious New Year from your servant priest.

Father Kevin Wei



Fr Kevin's Christmas Message





CHRIST THE KING YOUTH MINISTRY



Merry Christmas to everyone from the Christ the King Youth Ministry Team! Our Youth Ministry has continued to flourish, and 2019 has been a very fruitful and full year! Our theme for this year has been 'Community', and all that we have partaken in, has had the emphasis of building a supportive, faith filled community for our young people to be a part of!

We kicked off the year with LifeTeen Summer Camp Aotearoa in Wellington, and then our annual Parish 'KickStart' Youth Camp. Our weekly Youth Groups, both Junior (Years 5-8) and Senior (Years 9-13), have really bonded this year with each other, and continue to be places for our young people to journey together in faith and fellowship. Along with their enthusiastic involvement in Youth Masses, Worship

Nights, Social Events, and Parish Events, our Youth have regularly represented Christ the King at the Diocesan Catholic Youth Team events, with many of them this year stepping up as volunteers for these events.

All that we do in our Youth Ministry, would not be possible without the support and dedication from our Core Team Leaders! This year we have been blessed with 7 young adult Core Team members and 10 high school student leaders who help facilitate our Youth events, through sharing of their time and talents. Our Parish is truly blessed with our amazing young leaders.

Not only do these leaders help at our Youth Groups, they were also a great help in leading small groups for both the First Holy Communion



and Confirmation Programmes for our Parish! This year we had 41 children receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time, and 28 young people became Confirmed in the Catholic Church. Please continue to keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith!

As 2019 comes to an end, I just wanted to say a very heartfelt thank you to all Parishioners of Christ the King for

your continued support of the Youth Ministry Team. Particularly I wanted to say thank you to the members of the Parish Youth Council, and Parish Priests for all of their support and prayers! It is because of the supportive community that our young people are able to grow in their faith.

May you all have a blessed and safe Christmas,

Kaelyn Graham
Parish Youth Coordinator.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The pastoral council wishes you all a blessed and happy Christmas. It has been an interesting year with planned and now announced plans for the forming of five new parishes in Christchurch.

Some of you are uncertain of the changes while others see great opportunities for the future. We all dislike changes but with prayer and understanding we will welcome the new year as the future unfolds for us.

We will work with our Priests as we go forth into 2020 with hope and courage, and wish you all a very happy New Year.

Pat McQuinn
Chairman

