



Married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God's means of helping the other to mature. Change, improvement, the flowering of the good qualities present in each person – all these are possible.

Each marriage is a kind of "salvation history", which from fragile beginnings – thanks to God's gift and a creative and generous response on our part – grows over time into something precious and enduring.

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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7 October 2018

Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family

In the Gospel today, the Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.



Parish Fundraiser

There is a Garage Sale in the Parish Hall every 3rd Saturday of the month from 7:00am-11:00am. Our next sale will be on 20 October.

Christ the King Catholic School



EVERYDAY is OPEN-DAY

Please do feel most welcome to visit our school anytime between 9.30am and 2.30pm. We are accepting enrolments now for all year levels.

- Our school works in proud partnership with the Manaiakalani Educational Trust and embraces Learn, Create, Share pedagogies. We are really proud of the learning shared regularly through our active facebook page. We invite, and encourage, all young families of the Parish to follow us on facebook. This way you can 'catch a glimpse' of the awesome things happening at our school: <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-the-King-Catholic-School-Owairaka>
- October School holidays - a reminder that school will re-open for instruction on Monday 15th October at 8.50am.

Usual Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9am

Tuesday—Thursday & Saturday: 9.00 am

Friday: 10.00 am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30—10.00 am or by appointment

Exposition/Benediction

Thursdays 9.30-10.30am

Feast Days This Week

Tuesday 9th St Denis, St John Leondardi

Thursday 11th St John XXIII

In the Parish this Week

Wednesday 10 October - Legion of Mary meeting at 7pm

Thursday 11 October— Catholicism Series for Youth, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Birthday Blessings

7th Rachel Nelson, Sasota Oluk

8th Joshua Muller, Maria Muller

9th George Gray, Tutangata Ama,
Ayesha Carneiro, Dean Pereira

10th Dilni Waas, Ayden D'Cruz

11th Thaddeus Kabalican,
Paulo Latunipulu



Wedding Anniversaries

7th Ilalio & Iva Patolo



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in the meeting room. The Pilgrim Statue of our Lady is available to our parish families for 2 weeks, please contact Vanessa 0211095442 or Sharmila 0211529603 to make a booking or for more details.

Rosary Aotearoa

This Sunday, October 7th at 3pm, the Feast of the Holy Rosary is being celebrated in parishes around the country. Join Christ the King Parish and pray

together the Holy Rosary as one nation, one heart, one mind and one spirit.

Columban Calendars

2019 Columban art calendars are now for sale, while stocks last. The calendars are being sold for \$12 each.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards

SVDP Christmas cards are now for sale, while stocks last. The cards are sold in packs of five for \$2.50 a pack. There are also gift cards available at \$2.50 for a pack of 10.



Walk Through the Mass

The Diocesan Liturgy Centre is holding a workshop aimed at our participation in the Mass. It will be held at Christ the King on Saturday 27 October from 10am-1pm. The workshop will cover topics such as: The Introductory Rites, The Liturgy of the Word, The Liturgy of the Eucharist, The Dismissal. For catering reasons, your confirmation of attendance is appreciated. Please email: liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

Suzanne Aubert

This Sunday is a day for all Catholics to celebrate Suzanne Aubert. We remember the spirituality and good works of this remarkable woman and are inspired by what she achieved. Suzanne's wairua lives on in the work of the Sisters of Compassion.

Divine Retreat Centre

DRC Retreat at Christ the King Church, Sunday 21 October from 1pm-6pm.

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16



Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Youth and Young Adults

For information about our parish youth group, Christus Rex, please contact christusrexyouthgroup@gmail.com

Grow in your Faith - The Catholicism

Series: Thursday 11th October 6:30pm-8:30pm in the meeting room. **Why am I**

Catholic? Saturday 13 October, 8:30am to 9pm, Mary Mackillop Centre, Mission Bay. \$50 per person, includes lunch, dinner and morning/afternoon tea. A retreat for those in their 20s and 30s. Learn more about why we have chosen God as the one Way, Truth, and Life. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2368715090030268/> Like their Facebook Page for more events: [facebook.com/CatholicYoungAdultsCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicYoungAdultsCommunity)

OutReach Young Adults Wednesday 17th October 6:00pm-8:30pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Ponsonby. Get together to pack up gifts for children overseas who may have never received a gift before. Bring along some gifts (if you can) that fit into a shoe box. For more details refer to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/ Light snacks will be served. Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2085323271607591/>

Youth Mass Practice and Mass, Saturday, 20th October. Practice in the church from 4:00pm-5:30pm, followed by mass at 6:00pm! Bring your youth shirts, and singing voices.

Marian Day

Saturday 13th October 8.00am-3pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Onehunga. All are welcome to attend.



- **Sunday 7 October**
3pm Rosary at CTK
- **Sunday 21 October**
DRC Retreat, 1pm-6pm
- **Saturday 27 October**
Walk Through the Mass,
10-1pm
- **25 November - Feast of Christ the King**
10am Mass then Parish Picnic followed by Adoration at 2pm

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.

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers, are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill:

Phyllis McDermott, Mary Cloonan, Jamiile Burundi, Frank Murphy, Irena Sturch, Trevor Graves, Martha Rush, McLaren Smith, Martin Tiangco, Hilda Lewis, Maria Paulo Brown, Erica McBride, James Elliott, Peter Geaney, Dean Fallon, Roseanna Quiney, Sue Curran, Solinuu Nansen, Ropati Tuliatu, Faa'galo Tuliatu, Anna Maria Coehlo, Mary Kemp, Lo Tukunia, Yumi Cook, Johan Fernandes, Fatima Rodricks, Beryl Cox, Marie Simpson, Matthew James, Anita Malcon, Delores Gock, Brian Brown, Chris Kelly, Noela Pulotu Faavale, Therese Graham, Trevor Mulligan, Max Joseph Ng Lam

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alfredo Kabalican, Mary Fernandes, David Fernandes, Lewis Misquitta, Juliana D'Silva, Merwyn Almeida, Sr Marie Therese of the Child Jesus (OCD), Thelma McSweeney

and for those who have died:

Moira Feeney (Sr Margaret Mary), Kenneth Rooney

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord