

Sunday Service - "Livestream"

Sunday 04 October 9am, from St Paul's Kaiwaka

All you need to do is click on this link:

<https://youtu.be/HgFZnAtOBYc>

or copy and paste into your internet browser. You can do this before 9am, but it becomes "live" at 9am Sunday, and may be viewed from then onwards.

Happy Birthday! We extend our best birthday wishes to **Christine Bygrave** who celebrated her birthday on **Saturday 3rd October**, and **Lorraine Benfield** celebrating on **Tuesday 6th October**.



Communion in these "Troubled Times"

Now that we are at Level 1, we are able to have communion with bread and wine. However there are some new rules for how we do this going forward. The practice of "intinction" (dipping the wafer in the wine) is to stop as it has heightened health risks. Instead we are providing individual glasses for those who would prefer this. The "common cup" will still be offered – in his latest communication Bishop Ross states that this is a very low-risk practice. He also writes "people are free not to take the cup and will still receive the full benefit of the sacrament by taking the bread only." We will be distributing communion in a new way, so please be patient as we develop and adapt this new tradition.

End of Life Choice Act

See the information on the noticeboard. If you would like to know more, you can watch the presentation by Rev Dr Graham O'Brien, outlining reasons for voting no in the coming referendum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLi8N6cOSMs>

Animal Blessing Service Sunday 11 October Christ the King Church 9am



All pets welcome

Bring all living creatures, whether they be pets, birds, farm animals, etc (suitably restrained). Where people are not able to bring an animal, they may like to bring a photo or picture of an animal they love, or a soft toy.

(Please bring a plate to share for morning tea)



"From the looks of things, I shouldn't have rested on the seventh day."

Wayne's Word

A weekly column by our Priest in Charge

SUNDAY

It was in my first year at university that I realised, waking up in the morning in the university hall of residence, you could just tell it was Sunday. Sunday morning looked and felt different. I reckoned that even if you didn't look at the calendar, listen to the radio, read the newspaper or watch TV, you would still know it was Sunday.

Around that time the American singer, Kenny Rogers, visited New Zealand. He was being interviewed on the evening news and quipped that he arrived in New Zealand on Sunday and found that it was closed. Maybe he was right ... back then most shops were closed on Sunday. You couldn't buy alcohol. Malls and hardware stores were not hives of activity. There was no such thing as "The Warehouse". You could walk through a city and it would be quiet.

Was that a bad thing? Kenny Rogers seemed to think it was, but I'm not so sure. It seems to me there is something healthy about having one day a week that is different. Certainly the Lord God considered this of supreme importance: "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy" (Deuteronomy 5:12).

There was to be one day which was free of ordinary, everyday activities. It was part of the rhythm of creation, the rhythm of life. The Lord God "rested" on the seventh day. Apparently we are made that way and it is good for us. It is also an opportunity to step aside from the usual routine and be refreshed. Just as it is important to stop and acknowledge the place of the Lord God in our individual and corporate life.

In The Book of Deuteronomy the people of God were reminded that they had six other days to get everything done, but that the seventh day was to be different. It was a "Sabbath" to the Lord God. The activities of this day were not to be the same as the activities of the other six days. This was good for body and soul.

What does this mean for us in Aotearoa New Zealand in 2020? It reminds us that we need a regular "time out". We are made this way, creation was designed this way and life is healthy when we do this. We are to take a set day each week when we stop our normal routine. We are to take time out and acknowledge the Lord God. Ideally this would be on a Sunday; and it is easier if we are able to do this with a community, as we do when we gather for worship. However Sunday may not be possible, so there should be a regular alternative day.

A "day of rest" ... it may seem kind of quaint and old fashioned but I believe we lost something when we decided to go the way of Kenny Rogers to be open and on the go 24/7. Our calling as followers of Jesus is to observe Sunday; having a day each week to take a break from the normal routine to be refreshed and re-created. A day when we acknowledge God as our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life.

Shalom, Wayne



Please keep in your prayers:

Jan W, Kathy and Tony, Carol, Judith, Rosie, Elspeth, Susan, Mary Hitchcock, Tevita, Jonathan, Jocelyn and Sibyl.

Bishop Jim White

It is with great sadness we advise that Bishop Jim died on 30 September. Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for Jim's life and ministry, and uphold Jane and their wider family in prayer. (See the email from Bishop Ross on the notice board).

What's on: 05 - 11 October

Tues.	06 Oct	Rhythm 'n' Riggle	Taking a break this week
Thurs.	08 Oct.	C+ K Craft Group	Christ the King 9.30-noon
Sun.	11 Oct.	St Francis Animal Blessing	Christ the King 9.00 am (plus the Sunday livestream service)

Next week

Next Week 11 October 2020
Theme: St Francis and Animal Blessing
Readings: OT: Genesis 1: 20-31
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

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Christ the King, Mangawhai

04 October 2020

In the Beginning, God ...

OT: Genesis 1: 1-13
Gospel: John 14: 8-11



Theme & Readings

Morning Prayer

Scripture for the Week (Sentence)

As the new heavens and the new earth I am making shall endure in my sight, so shall your race and your name endure; all people shall come to bow down before me, says the Lord. *(Isaiah 62:22-23)*

Prayer for the Week (Collect)

O God, you are working still, breaking down and building up; open our eyes to discern your hands so that we may take our place as labourers together with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

Prayer Cycle

In our Diocese, we pray for the Parish of St Mark, Remuera, the Parish of St Aidan, Remuera, the Parish of St George, Epsom and the Diocesan Council. In our Mission District we pray for 'Support Services' - eg, lawnmowers, gardeners, those who work around the grounds, cleaners, flower arrangers, 'odd job' helpers. In our community we pray for doctors and nurses, St John, medical centres and the Fire Service.

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