

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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Weddings: By Appointment
Reconciliation: Sat 9.30 am & 4.30pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat 9.30am
Rosary: Sat 8.30am, Tue 7pm
Children's Liturgy: 10am Mass-
 During Term
Parish Services
Sunday Masses: **Weekday Masses:**
 6.00pm Saturday Tuesday 7.30 pm
 8.00 am Sunday Wednesday 9.00 am
 10.00 am Sunday Thursday 9.00 am
 Friday 9.15 am
 Saturday 9.00 am
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SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2017,
 YEAR A

*2nd Sunday in
 Ordinary Time*



Gospel Reflection

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 18th February 2017** at 9am Mass.

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK : Mary Magill, Simon Khoury, Stan Burgin and Iris Baxter

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sam Laban (Father of Barbara Haddad) Mary Titmuss (wife of Allan), Maurice Coorey, Autel Basha (husband of Violet and father of Kamlee), Levent Ali Ozbek.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Philomena Rodi, Elvira Goodwin and Annie Scalan

LITURGICAL CALENDAR—January—February

25 January The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
 2 February The Presentation of the Lord
 22 February The Chair of St Peter, apostle

MISSION STATEMENT

**Centred on the Gospel of Jesus,
 Christ the King Church is a warm, welcoming
 community of faith.**

**We continue to strive to be open and to embrace
 diversity, as we love and grow in relationship to
 God and in service to one another.**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23—9:3; 1Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Jan 14/15—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Aubon Fernando	George Germqanos Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty Jeremy Thaman	Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Stan Burgin John Murphy	John Colman	Rhoda Patrick Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Christine Kinsella James McMaster	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Mark Rea	Jose Jilesh	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Kathryn Gaudron	Diane Campbell Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy	Dominic Wong

COUNTER Group 4– Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 7– Ada Cheung

PIETY Group 2– Julie Hook, sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3– Clarry Barbera, Chris and Beverley Poole, ken Coorey

Jan 21/22—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Roger Hook Paul Rankin Stan Burgin	Aubon Fernando	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola John Lacey	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Stan Burgin John Murphy	John colman	Julie Elliott Marguerite Wong	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Annette Hoban Cate Joseph Camilla Portella	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Anthony Davies Michael Ng	David Collins	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Jui-May Lee Leila Safy Rosemary Wickham	

COUNTER Group 5– Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 8- Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 3– Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4– Mark and Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, Mariana Tomasovic

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES IN 2017

The Office for Worship is offering Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2017, open to all parishes and individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Held at the Diocesan Assembly Centre in Blacktown on Mondays and at St Nicholas of Myra in Penrith on Thursdays, the formation courses are for anyone who is interested in becoming a Minister of the Word, Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying, Adult Altar Server or Acolyte. For more information and enrolment call 8838 3456 or send an email to MLWalsh@parra.catholic.org.au
Bookings close 16 February 2017.

RUNNING ALPHA IN 2017?

Alpha is a very effective means of bringing people to the starting point of faith, an encounter with Jesus Christ. If your parish is running Alpha in 2017 or considering this option, please contact the Pastoral Planning Office. We have a range of handy hints and parishes interested in networking with those already experienced in Alpha. Please contact Richard McMahon tel (02) 8838 3459, or email: RMcmahon@parra.catholic.org.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parish Pastoral Council Wed Feb 8—7.15pm
Liturgical Committee Tues Feb 14— 8pm

CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email of any changes to your credit card number/expiry date or direct debit account.

Thank you for your ongoing support

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have changed your email address or now have a email address, could you please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible. **Thank you**

ONLINE GIVING

Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Please call the Parish Office for the BSB and Account number for the Parish or DWF Account.

BEQUESTS

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support.

A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime.

In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other Parish property or put the gift towards building a new church or refurbishing their existing one. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.

NEW CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES PAPER ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A new paper by the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is the latest publication in its Catholic Social Justice Series. The paper, *Human Trafficking and Slavery: A response from Australian Catholics*, is by Christine Carolan and Sr Noelene Simmons SM, members of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans. The paper is available at: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: 9 FEBRUARY

Everyone is welcome to this annual Mass in acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care. Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown. Plenty of parking – refreshments to follow.

CHRISTMAS REFUGEE APPEAL

The Christmas collection for refugees raised \$2241.25. Half of this money will go to Caritas Australia's Middle East Crisis Appeal, the other half of this money will go to Arrupe Place, the Jesuit Refugee Service Shelter Project, established to assist the many Asylum Seekers living in the western Sydney community, who were at risk of financial destitution and homelessness in association with the Parramatta Sisters of Mercy - See more about this project at: <http://www.parramattamercy.org.au/ministry/partnerships/arrupe-place-jesuit-refugee-service-shelter-project>
Many thanks to all who so generously contributed.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In 2017 we welcome 3 new members to our Parish Pastoral Council: James Scanlon, Chris Kinsella and Gillian Mobbs. We thank them for volunteering to join the existing team to lead our parish and contribute to the building up of our community. Following are the dates for this year's Pastoral Council meetings. Feb 8, March 15, May 10, July 19, Sep 13, Nov 8, Dec 13 (Christmas function). At our initial meeting leadership positions (Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary) will be determined, as well as membership of our four subcommittees and consideration given to our parish pastoral plan including prioritising objectives for the parish in 2017. Special thanks is extended to all the retiring members of our past Pastoral Council for the wonderful work that they have done.

ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION is nothing more than falling in love with the earth – again, or for the first time. In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis calls us to “profound interior conversion” as the fundamental underpinning of the shift in consciousness and lifestyle needed to change humanity's headlong course towards ecological – and hence human – disaster.

Sat 25 February– Sat11 Mar and Sat 25 Mar
In three sessions with Patricia Gemmell, you will explore the words of Pope Francis and renowned eco-theologians (Thomas Berry, Denis Edwards, Elizabeth Johnson and Sallie McFague among others), in an effort to understand what is being asked of us and how we might respond. These sessions will include **five talks, as well as time for reading and reflection, discussion and questions.** The seminars will take place at the **Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney, on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.** The Grail Centre is well served by public transport (bus and train) and 2 hour parking is available in McHatton Street from 9:30am. **Cost:** \$15 per session (or what you can afford) \$35 for the entire series Payment at the door.

Welcome

We welcome the Paisley and Forsythe families and their children Xander Thor Paisley and Lucy Isabelle Forsythe who will be baptised next Sunday.

FREE CATHOLIC SUPER PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS

The Government has recently shifted the incentive for saving via superannuation. Catholic Super can help you to learn more about your superannuation, take control of your finances and plan for a rewarding future. Catholic Super's FREE seminars during January cover wealth-related issues as well as broader health and lifestyle issues to consider now and for retirement. Non-members, friends and family are welcome. Thursday 19 January from 10am-2pm at Burwood RSL Club, 96 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood, and on Tuesday 24 January from 10am-2pm at Fairfield RSL Club, 14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield. For other dates and venues call 1300 658 776 or visit www.catholicssuper.com.au/seminars

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL INFORMATION NIGHT: 6 FEBRUARY

Fr Paul Marshall, Parish Priest of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes, is accompanying a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 7-21 October 2017. An information night will be held on Monday 6 February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. RSVP for catering purposes (Middle Eastern treats) by Friday 27 January tel 1300 550 830 or katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au Bookings are being taken up to early February. For more details or booking forms, please contact the parish office tel (02) 9631 8135.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY: 17-19 FEBRUARY

Everyone is invited to join CCR's Holy Spirit Mission for a weekend of Renewal, Restoration and Revival. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will preside at the opening Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday at 7.30pm. On Saturday & Sunday, the program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills, includes children's ministry, Reconciliation from 1.00pm-2.00pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing Mass at 4pm on Sunday. Presenters include: Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Ken Barker MGL. Entry is free. For more information, visit www.ccrparramatta.org

POSITION VACANT

The Institute for Mission requires a full time Team Assistant – Communications & Admin for their office in Blacktown. More details can be found at: <http://parracatholic.org/employment>

ANNUAL FILIPINO DIOCESAN FIESTA

The Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta will once again celebrate its Annual Filipino Diocesan Fiesta in honour of St Joseph, the Husband of Mary, on **Sunday, 19 March 2017**, commencing at 10:45 am with the Eucharistic celebration with the Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta as main celebrant. Lunch sharing and entertainment will follow. It will be held at the grounds of the St Michael's School, 155 Reservoir Road, Blacktown.

The theme of this year's fiesta is "**St Joseph: Solidarity and Fraternity**"

All welcome—We would very much appreciate your presence and support of this event. **Kindly confirm your availability by 17 February 2017** by contacting one of the following:

Violy Bada - Mob: 0425 397 057

Email: vbada@bigpond.net.au

Lina Flores - Mob: 0423 049 840

Email: lina.flores@gmail.com

LOVE AND MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS

FEB 10 @6.00 PM—FEB 12 @2.00 PM

Retreat with Fr Elio Capra SDB

Exploring the theology and the spirituality underpinning Pope Francis' The Joy of Love, Amoris Laetitia.

This retreat will be based on Pope Francis' latest document on marriage and the family "The Joy of Love". The following areas will be explored: the scriptural background to the sacrament of marriage; the theology and spirituality of marriage; the challenges and the difficulties of marriage in our society today; the role of sex and sexuality within the sacrament of marriage; the missionary dimension of the sacrament of marriage for the parish and for the world.

This retreat is for families, young people preparing for marriage and for all interested parishioners.

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566—Phone 8795 3400

Cost: \$250.00 (10% discount for shared accommodation.) and concessions apply.

FINDING JESUS IN THE DARK SIDE OF LIFE @ MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE - MAR 4 @10.30 AM—4.00 PM

"God weeps with us so that we may one day laugh with Him."

This day of reflection and prayer will be presented as a journey from darkness into light. Our guides will include the Lord Himself, as well as other figures from the Scripture and more recent spiritual writers. At the conclusion of the day we will hopefully understand better the statement of Jurgen Moltmann: "God weeps with us so that we may one day laugh with Him."

Peter Presdee—**Cost: \$30.00**