

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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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 22 JANUARY 2017,
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*3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



Gospel Reflection

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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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, Fr George O'Mara 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 and Jenni Waters.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Elvira Goodwin, Annie Scalan and Marie Carey

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.**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR—January—February

25 January The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

26 January Australia Day (Mass at 9am)

2 February The Presentation of the Lord

22 February The Chair of St Peter, apostle

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parish Pastoral Council Wed Feb 8—7.15pm

Liturgy Committee Tues Feb 14— 8pm

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1Cor 11:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

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	Therese Davies

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

Jan 28/29—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Ron Ruskin	Rob Haddad Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty Kathryn Gaudron	Sue DeCourcy Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Colman	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	James Kinsella Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Paul Malouf Michael Nasr	Jose Jilesh	Sarah Cook Stephen Doyle	David Cook	Jennifer Alphonse Margaret Coakley Lisa Hoban	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 6– Robert Wallace, John Coorey, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 9– Leni Adan, Maria Luisa Sadaya, Gerianne Sadaya

PIETY Group 4– Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING Group 5– Roy and Marea Smith, Leo and Elizabeth Bautista

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, RMcmahon@parra.catholic.org.au

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.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (Correction)

In 2017 we welcome 2 new members to our Parish Pastoral Council: Jason Scanlon (not James) and Chris Kinsella. (Unfortunately Gillian Mobbs, previously mentioned, is unable to join the Council this year). 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, Acting 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.

BAPTISM

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Xander Thor, Lucy Isabelle and Kayla Tourneur for their Baptism today. We pray for God's blessings upon them and their families. May they go forth in His Grace.



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.

POSITION VACANT

The Office for Worship requires a full time Administration Assistant for their office in Blacktown. More details can be found at: <http://parracatholic.org/employment>

FR WIM'S PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION SESSION: 12 MARCH

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills, is accompanying a pilgrimage 'Of Celtic Saints, English Martyrs and Aussie Links'. The pilgrimage to Ireland, Scotland and England will depart on 25 September and return on 25 October. Some of the saints are: John Henry Newman, Patrick, Oliver Plunkett, Catherine McAuley, Columba, Mary MacKillop, Hilda of Whitby, Venerable Bede and Thomas Becket. English martyrs Margaret Clitheroe, Edmund Campion and John Fisher. Places include Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Glastonbury, Dublin, Knock, Fort William, Iona, Holy Island (Lindisfarne), Durham, York, Cambridge, Walsingham, London and Canterbury.

Information afternoon starts 2.30pm in the Downey Room, St Michael's Parish Offices, 1-3 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Brochures available via e-mail to Fr Wim at wimh@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au or PO Box 1501, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 1755.

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. For more details or booking forms, please contact the parish office tel (02) 9631 8135.

THE CENTRE OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

SILENT DIRECT RETREAT - FRI 10 TO SUN 19 FEB WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY— FRI 17 TO SUN 19 FEB

Peter Canisius House is located in Pymble in Sydney's leafy North Shore making it an ideal location to attend one of the Centre of Ignatian Spirituality themed retreats. For more information call: 9488 4524 or Email: canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au Web: www.canisiusspirituality.org.au

DAY RETREAT— TOOLS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

A day of reflection to explore the tools that will enable us to work with God in all the love, hope and healing that awaits us this year.

DATE: Saturday 4 February 2017

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey 695 Jamberoo Mountain Rd., Jamberoo

TIME: 9.00 am commencing with Mass, and concluding with Vespers at 5.00 pm.

PRESENTER: Sr. Hilda Scott OSB - COST: \$30.00

Morning and Afternoon Tea provided. Please bring your own lunch – tea and coffee are available.

BOOKINGS: Petrina 0242360533

cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

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

PATHWAYS ON THE JOURNEY @Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Mar 24 @6.10pm—Mar 26 @ 1.30pm

Walk lightly on the pathway, deeply on the journey. What hourly, weekly, yearly and once in a lifetime pathways are we walking on our spiritual journey? This retreat will guide you spiritually with deep insight into the journeys of the mystics, while you are creatively mentored to represent journey in painting and drawing.

John Charadia and Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

Cost : \$260.00 (10% discount applies for shared accommodation)

