

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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Baptisms Monthly 2nd & 4th Sun
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

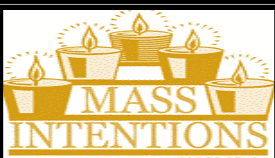
Parish Services

Sunday Masses:
 6.00pm Saturday
 8.00 am Sunday
 10.00 am Sunday

Weekday Masses:
 Tuesday 7.30 pm
 Wednesday 9.00 am
 Thursday 9.00 am
 Friday 9.15 am
 Saturday 9.00 am

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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, Iris Baxter, Thomas Patrick O'Connor, Rosa Maria Santos and Bill Habib.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jacinta Trethowan and Jenni Waters.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Fawzy Habib and Annie Lum.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parish Pastoral Council **Wed Feb 8**—7.15pm

Opening CTK School Mass **Fri Feb 10**-9:15am

Liturgy Committee **Tues Feb 14**— 8pm

Parish Finance Committee **Wed Feb 15**—7:30pm

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2017,
 YEAR A

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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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—February—March

2 February—The Presentation of the Lord

22 February—The Chair of St Peter, apostle

1st March— Ash Wednesday

20 March— St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

25 March— The Annunciation of the LORD

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10; 1Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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

Feb 4/5—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Phil Trainor	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Jeremy Thaman	John Lacy Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Marguerite Wong	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jui-May Lee Jenny Roddy Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Gerianne Sadaya Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Dominic Wong

COUNTER Group 7– Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 1- Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY Group 1– Maria Bietola, Tony and Catherine Hughes, Mary Magill

CHURCH CLEANING Group 6– Helen Templeman, Dawn Muriti, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

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.

CTK SCHOOL WELCOME BACK

ready to have a great year!



Welcome back our Principal Tony Hughes and CTK staff as well as the returning students, and their families on Tuesday 31st for the start of the 2017 academic year. We hope that you all had a very good holiday and the children are looking forward to the term ahead. We wish you all the very best for this year and what lies beyond.

SACRAMENTAL REMINDER DATES FOR 2017

First Holy Communion Programme:

Initial Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 29
March 7:30 PM
Enrolment Registration Due: Friday, 7 April
Enrolment ceremony weekend at three Sunday masses:
29/30 April
First Holy Communion at three Sunday masses: 17/18
June
Presentation of Certificates at three Sunday masses:
24/25 June

Confirmation Programme:

Initial Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 21 June
7:30 PM
Enrolment Registration Due: Friday, 30 June
Enrolment ceremony weekend at three Sunday masses:
1/2 July
Confirmation Ceremony (within Mass): Wednesday 30
August 7:30 PM
Presentation of Certificates at three Sunday masses: 2/3
September

Reconciliation Programme:

Initial Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 6
September 7:30 PM
Enrolment Registration Due: Friday, 15 September
Enrolment ceremony weekend at three Sunday masses:
23/24 September
First Reconciliation Ceremony: Wednesday 15
November 5:30 and 7:30 PM
Presentation of Certificates at three Sunday masses:
18/19 November

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.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (Correction)

In 2017 we welcome 2 new members to our Parish Pastoral Council: Jason Scanlon and Chris Kinsella. 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.

YOUTH GROUP

CTK youth groups, CTK Light and CTK Alive are returning next weekend in full swing!!



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

**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@olivetretravel.com.au. For more details or booking forms, please contact the parish office tel (02) 9631 8135.

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

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

**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).

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 McMahan tel (02) 8838 3459,

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