

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 : Col Hughes, 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:

Stephen Wong, Jacinta Trethowan and Jenni Waters.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Annie Lum, Peter Evans, May Evans and Peter

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 5 February 2017,
 YEAR A

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world. This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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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

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

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

Feb 11/12—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Frank lah Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John colman Kristine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins James Kinsella Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Mark Rea	David Collins	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Diane Campbell Annette Hoban Marea Mooney	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 1– Graeme Gardiner, Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael NG

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 2— Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 1– Connie Este and CTK School Mums group 1

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.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL—NEXT WEEK

This month's DWF Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. The DWF supports the **All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants**, and the **Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing-impaired people** as well as programs provided by **CatholicCare Social Services** in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Collection will take place next week. Our quota is **\$7367.00** Please give generously to support the Pastoral works in our Diocese.

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.

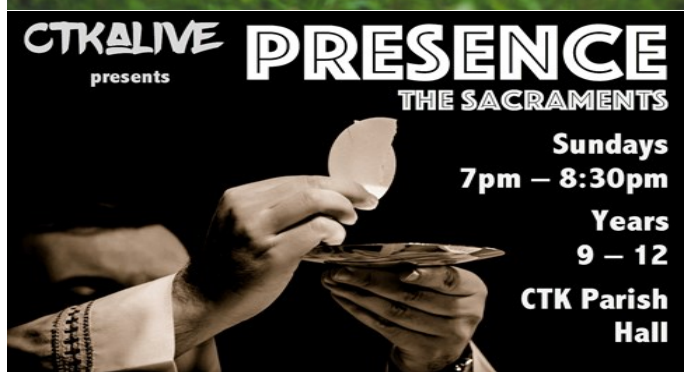
In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other Parish property or put the gift towards building a new church or refurbishing their existing one. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use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



LIFTED BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP: 4 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta invites secondary school students (16+), youth and young adults to breakfast with Bishop Vincent. Join us as we 'launch into the deep' this 2017! Cost: \$5 donation towards a full buffet breakfast. From 9.00am-11.30am at Novotel Sydney, Rooty Hill. RSVP Friday 24 February via CYP Facebook or by email to James Camden (CYP Director), jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: 24-26 FEBRUARY

Jesus invites you to journey with Him this Lent and allow your heart to be transformed. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: students \$180, employed \$210. Registration essential, contact Sr M Julie juliebrcar@gmail.com



The first meeting of the "Kingsmen" 2017 is Tuesday 21st February at Baulkham Hills sports club from 7pm. Come along and meet like minded fathers of our community and

share a meal and drink to discuss our plans and visions for the year.

For more information please contact Peter Elchaar JP or just come along on the night and bring along a friend.

Looking forward to seeing you there—

Peter— 0408 678 922

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.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN – TREASURES IN EARTHEN VESSELS: 10-12 FEBRUARY

Retreat led by Sr M Elizabeth Foley at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$170 shared room; \$180 single room. Includes all meals. Deposit \$50. Saturday only \$40 (includes lunch). Bookings essential, tel (02) 4773 8338 or email info@schoenstatt.org.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -FRI 3RD MARCH 7.00 PM

This year the Word Day of Prayer will be at St Bernadette's Castle Hill. The theme: **Am I being unfair to you?** Please see the notice on the board.

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

LOVE & 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.

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

POSITIONS VACANT

1. Manager of Pastoral Services: CatholicCare Social Services is currently recruiting a Manager of Pastoral Services, who will be responsible for providing leadership and management to a team of Lay, Clergy and Religious Chaplains. For a confidential discussion about this role or to obtain a Position Description please contact Gregory tel (02) 8822 2222 or email an updated CV to careers@ccss.org.au **Applications close 19 Feb.**

2. Assistant Housekeeper: Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park has an opening in housekeeping services. The position is part time (two days per week). For further information, please contact the Rector, Fr John Hogan, tel (02) 9637 1055. **Applications close 6 February.**