

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, Fran Lewis and Bill Habib.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Tim Crowley, Fr Paul Cahill, Stephen Wong, Dorothy Harris and Zona Hollis.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS. Peter Urquhart, Linda Bautista, Urchie Sadaya and Joseph Giacomelli

DATES TO REMEMBER

Opening CTK School Mass **Fri Feb 17**—9:15am
 Liturgy Committee **Tues Feb 14**— 8pm
 Parish Finance Committee **Wed Feb 15**—7:30pm

SUNDAY 12 February 2017,
 YEAR A

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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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: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 15:15-20; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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 Iah 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

Feb 18/19—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	John Khoudair Dawn Peat	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cate Joseph Lorraine Murphy Camilla Portela	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Paul Malouf Michael Ng	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Stephen Doyle	Kathryn Gaudron	Jennifer Alphonse Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Dominic Wong

COUNTER Group 2– Keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 3– Trish Hanna, Wendy Pokorny

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 2– Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Marlene Galea

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. It is an opportunity for people from all walks of life to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over several weekly sessions. It is open to everyone who would like to attend. Please call the parish office if you are interested to attend.

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.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND WITH THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS: 3-5 MARCH 2017.

Come for a chance to learn more about the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **This Live-in weekend is for young men (18-35).** Starts 7:30pm Friday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and concludes with 6pm Mass on Sunday. Cost is FREE/ optional donation. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get helpful advice. So if you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. Retreatants must register as there are limited spaces available. More info at: <https://capuchinfriars.org.au>



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.

24 HRS FOR THE LORD - LIVING WATER @ SCHOENSTATT SHRINE: 24-25 MARCH 2017

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine during this very special 24 hours. This annual gathering will begin with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 24 March and finish with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 25 March.

Reflection and music every hour for 30 minutes followed by silent prayer time. Reconciliation available. Tea & coffee available.

Accommodation at the retreat house is available for anyone who might wish to immerse themselves in this 24 hours. Join us on Facebook [Mt Schoenstatt Shrine a Retreat Centre, Mulgoa](#)

The Schoenstatt Shrine is at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Inquiries & bookings tel (02) 4773 8338 or email manager@schoenstatt.org.au

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioners Stan and Jan Burgin who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last weekend. Stan has returned home after respite care at Winston Hills.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL

The DWF Appeal is being held this weekend. Donations to the appeal will provide financial support to our not-for-profit social services. Each year, more than 20,000 inquiries for assistance are received by the Ephpheta Centre, which supports the deaf, and CatholicCare from refugees, youth, families, young mothers, the elderly and people with disability. Appeal envelopes are available on the pews and in the foyer of the Church. Donations to this appeal are normally **tax-deductible**. Our quota for this financial year is: **\$22101.00-** Money raised since July 2016 is **\$12,104.05-** We need to raise the difference **of \$9806.95** by June end of financial year. Please give generously and help us to reach our target to save us from making up the difference from our parish account that can be used to fund capital work project.

THANK YOU

We are grateful to electrician Tony Chacty for repairing emergency lights and lighting in our parish church this week.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 50. This public hearing began on Monday 6 February 2017. For more information, please refer to the Royal Commission website

www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131444.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information, please visit www.safeguarding.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.

FAMILY LENTEN PROGRAM

The diocesan Life, Marriage & Family Office has produced a Family Lenten Program as a support to families in their faith journey towards Easter. The program is based around the theme 'Lead us to Living Water'. It is based on the Sunday Gospel reading with reflections, colourful pictures, prayers and activities that the whole family can do together. This resource will be available in your parish on Sunday 26 February. Info to assistantadmin@catholicmission.org.au