

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:

Grace Fedrigo, Fr Tim Crowley, Fr Paul Cahill, Stephen Wong,

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Giovanni Bietola

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

SUNDAY 19 February 2017,
YEAR A

*7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



Gospel Reflection

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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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.**

PARISH FINANCE AND BUILDING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

A reminder that a meeting of the parish finance and building and resources committee will take place this Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the presbytery.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15; 1Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

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

Feb 25/26—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Peter Blyth John Lacey	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Colman	David Collins	Jennifer Alphonse Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	James Kinsella Jui-May Lee James McMaster	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Michael Nasr Mark Rea	Peter Bosci	Stephen Doyle Ian McMaster	David Cook	Lisa Hoban Leila Safy Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban

COUNTER Group 3— Sam Bietola, Ken Abood, Roger Brewer, Cass Joyce

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 4— Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3— Clarry Barbera, Chris and Beverley Poole, Connie Este & CTK School Mums Group 5

kingsmen



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

SRE COMMISSIONING MASS THIS WEEKEND WILL

During the 10 AM Mass this weekend we welcome members of our parish who will be commissioned to be Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers (catechists) in the state primary schools located in our parish. We thank them for taking on this commitment on our behalf to share the good news of Jesus to the many Catholic children who attend public schools. Some have been doing this role for many years and others are new. The parish is always in need of more SRE teachers and support and training is offered from the beginning. If you would like to take on this invaluable ministry please contact the parish office on 9871 8710

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.

YOUTH GROUP

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

PARRA-MATTERS! STAYING LIT – TIPS TO AVOID BURNING OUT: 23 FEBRUARY

This formation night for youth leaders is organised by Catholic Youth Parramatta and will give practical resources to help you lead your young people closer to Jesus and the Church, without wearing yourself out. From 7.00pm-9.00pm. Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 1 Wellgate Ave, Rouse Hill. RSVP to the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra/> or to Sr Rosie Drum MGL – CYP Assistant Director tel 0407 938 196.

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, Rouse 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

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>

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 our parish on Sunday 26 February. Info to assistantadmin@catholicmission.org.au

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

ST PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL

Organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2-5pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta The Irish themed event will include live entertainment, food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. The event will also raise awareness about the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin next year and to raise funds for families to be able to attend. All are welcome! For more information check out:

www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day Anyone interested in volunteering to help in terms of running stalls, preparing food, crowd management and other duties please email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8838 3441.

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

OAKHILL COLLEGE

Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2018** will close on **Friday 17th March, 2017** and enrolment into **Year 7, 2019** will close on **Friday 18th August, 2017**.

Enrolment for **girls** into **Year 11, 2018** will close on **Friday 12th May, 2017**. For enrolment please contact the Registrar before the closing dates on 9899 2288

CONGRATULATIONS to the Attwood –Mueller family for having three members baptised last Sunday. We pray for God's richest and blessings for you and your family.



We also welcome into the Lord's family Katelin Sutton and Nishen Naido 's family who will have their daughter Anya Margaret Naidoo baptised next Sunday . We pray for you as you prepare for this happy occasion.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL

The DWF Appeal was held last Sunday. Thank you to everyone for their support and generous donations. The amount raised last Sunday **\$2482.30—A shortfall of \$7324.65** to reach our target to June 2017. It is never too late to donate. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax-deductible. Please give generously and help us to reach our target. Envelopes are available in the foyer.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION DURING LENT at THE GRAIL CENTRE, 22 McHATTON STREET, NORTH SYDNEY EVENINGS

Five Thursday evenings, 6.30 – 8 pm (refreshments at 6 pm.) on TO BE A PILGRIM

Making pilgrimages and walking labyrinths have become popular activities today. What is the need they are meeting? We are all pilgrims on a journey through life. With a stimulating array of speakers, come and explore pilgrimage in your own life, in the lives of others, in our world today.

Thursdays weekly, 9th March – 6 April. All welcome. Register and get more information: Tel. 99553053, grailsydney@ozemail.com.au

SATURDAYS

Three Saturdays, 25th February, 11th and 25th March, 10 am – 2 pm on ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* calls us to 'profound interior conversion'. How will we respond? Tricia Gemmell will lead three seminars to explore where these words of Pope Francis can lead us. All welcome. Register and get more information: : Tel. 99553053, pgemmell@tpg.com.au

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT THE GRAIL CENTRE, 22 McHATTON STREET, NORTH SYDNEY

Six reflection mornings throughout the year, **10 am – 12 noon, on THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

Tricia Gemmell will lead these sessions, based on a book of Kathleen Dowling Singh who 'explains the spiritual journey in contemporary language and invites us to awaken what is within us'.

First session: TUESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY

Register and get more information: Tel. 99553053, pgemmell@tpg.com.au