

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 20th May 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, Stephen Wong,
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Anne Joseph, Kit and George and Bill Saully, Michael Saad, Morrie, tony and Soraya Kalife, Phillip and Yvonne Boulous, Therese and Fernand Goyer, Col Blyth and Edith Azzopardi

SUNDAY 26 February 2017,
 YEAR A

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples up-build the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen. Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust. Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.

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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

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: 8Th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15; 1Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1ST Sunday OF LENT
Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

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	Pauline Zhao
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

March 4/5—1st Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Sue DeCourcy	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Marguerite Wong	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Jenny Roddy Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Paul Malouf	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Leila Safy Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Darren So

COUNTER Group 4– Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5— Margaret Isaac

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4– Mark and Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, Mariana Tomasovic



WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH—MASS AT 9.00 AM AND 7.30 PM

Ash Wednesday (*dies cinerum*) is the Church's *Yom Kippur* or the "Day of Atonement." Its very name comes from the Jewish practice of doing penance wearing "sackcloth and ashes." In the early Church, Christians who had committed serious sins were instructed to do public penance wearing sackcloth and ashes. This custom was introduced by Pope Gregory I (served September 3, 590 to March 12, 604; McBrien, *Lives of the Popes*, p. 96), and it was enacted as a universal practice in all of Western Christendom by the Synod of Benevento in 1091 A.D. Since the 11th century, receiving ashes on the first day of Lent has been a universal Christian practice. Ash

Wednesday and Good Friday are days of full fast and abstinence. Fasting is prescribed to reinforce our penitential prayer during the Lenten season. The Ash Wednesday's Gospel instructs us to assimilate the true spirit of fasting and prayer.

Fr. A. Kadavil



PROJECT
COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday 26th February 2017



WELCOME

Welcome to the Parish Pastoral Council. To the Kindy 2017 and their families and Christ the King School teachers.

Following the Mass there will be a special BBQ and Barista style coffee for all the families to come together as a school and church community and particularly welcome our new families.

Join us to share the spirit and meet our Parish priest Fr. Ian McGinnity and our Parish Council.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Peter Elchaar JP - Parish Council Chairman

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

At our recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting we formed 5 sub-committees, four of which are seeking additional members. We would like to invite all parishioners to consider joining one of them. These sub-committees work to implement the Parish Pastoral Plan and to plan initiatives within the Parish. They generally meet 6 times per year in the evenings. If you would like to join a sub-committee or to receive more information, please contact Fr Ian, any member of the PPC or the relevant contact person listed below:

Promoting our Faith: Deacon Tony Hoban

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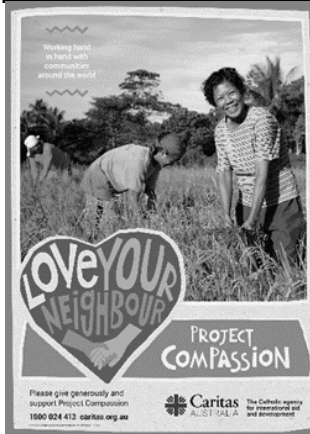
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Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death. But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her

vulnerable community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 this Lenten season with the theme "Love your neighbour".and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours.

As Pope Francis said, "Love of God and love of our neighbour is one and the same thing."

You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to build a better future for our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes (available on Ash Wednesday), or by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

YOUTH GROUP

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

FORMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS AT MT SCHOENSTATT: 19 MARCH

For young adults aged 18-35 – Love of Mary. Love of the Church. Love of the Mission of Christ. Want to know what it means to be human? Want to become an authentic Christian? If Yes, then join us for formation in the Schoenstatt Spirituality. On 3rd Sunday of every month, noon-3pm, please bring a plate to share for lunch. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Further details tel 4773 8338.

LENTEN RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN: 11 MAR

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women aged 18-35 to join them for a day of Lenten reflections and prayers, followed by social gathering. From 9.30am-5pm, lunch and dinner provided. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. No cost. RSVP 8 March to Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638, vocationscsfn@gmail.com Visit www.csfm.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 an 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.

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

LORETTO NORMANHURST

Open Day on Saturday, 11 March 2017. 11am—3pm Please direct any queries to Grace Paraino, Dean of Development and Alumni, at Loreto Normanhurst at gparaino@loretanh.nsw.edu.au or on 9487 3488.

PARISH MEETINGS:

Parish Pastoral Council: **15 March 7.15**

Parish Finances and Building and Resources Committee
21 March 8.00 pm

First Holy Communion—parents Information Evening
29 March 7.30 pm

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported and generously donated to the DWF Appeal. The amount raised last Sunday **\$2842.20—A shortfall of \$4482.45** to reach our target to June 2017. It is never too late to donate. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax-deductible. Please think of the poor and needy, especially during this season of lent 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.

WHAT TO GIVE UP DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON?

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

(Craig Gates, Jackson, MS, "What to Give up for Lent")