

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
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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

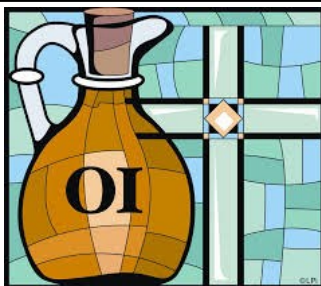
### Parish Services

**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

### Parish Address:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151  
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**Web Site:** www.northrockscatholic.org.au



### 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 :** Tony 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:

Jean David, James Kenney, Kerry Donahue, Grace Fedrigo, Stephen Wong

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Jan Radzik and Edith Azzopardi.

**SUNDAY 5th March**  
**2017, YEAR A**  
*1st Sunday of Lent*



### Gospel Reflection

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new 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**

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR—March

**17 March—** St. Patrick (Patron of our Diocese)

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

**25 March—** The Annunciation of the LORD

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 2nd Sunday of LENT  
Gen 12:1-4; 2Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

**March 4/5 —1st Sunday of Lent**

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

**March 11/12—2nd Sunday of Lent**

|                         | Welcomer                          | Acolyte       | Reader                         | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister                                | Musician        |
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| <b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b> | Ken Boys<br>Paul Rankin           | David Collins | Rob Haddad<br>Gerard Sadaya    | Veronica Chacty   | Frank Lah<br>Lilia Nuguid                           | Isabelle Chacty |
| <b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>   | Christine Kinsella<br>John Murphy | John Colman   | Julie Elliott<br>Rhoda Patrick | Trish Yates       | Annette Hoban<br>Lorraine Murphy<br>Camilla Portela | Mike Yates      |
| <b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>  | Michael Ng<br>Mark Rea            | Ken Coorey    | Ian McMaster<br>Sam Safy       | Kathryn Gaudron   | Diane Campbell<br>Cate Joseph<br>Marea Mooney       | Dominic Wong    |

**COUNTER Group 5**– Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6**— Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY Group 2**– Julie Hook, sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 5**– Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 5



**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



In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413



### 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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**Parish Life and Community:** Darren So and Erica Rheinberger

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**Youth and Young Adults:** Brad Vergano

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**Social Justice:** Jon Manasan [jon.manasan@gmail.com](mailto:jon.manasan@gmail.com)

### CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS—OPEN DAY 9.00—10.45 AM FRIDAY, 10TH MARCH

The Community of Christ the King North Rocks, invites parents, friends, neighbours and their families to join us for a Liturgy, morning tea and a visit of our Learning Areas, Year 6 Students will be offering guided tours for new **2018** families.

Enrolment packages will be available on the day. Liturgy begins at 9.00 am

Address: 2 Statham Avenue, North Rocks.

Come along and join us for an Introduction to Our School.

Enquiries to: [northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### RETREAT-MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

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[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

#### 1- "God weeps with us so that we may one day laugh with Him."

Pathways on the Journey

Presenters: John Charadia and Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

Artists Retreat

Cost: \$260.00 (concessions apply)

Mar 24: 6:10 pm – Mar 26: 1:30 pm

Walk lightly on the pathway and deeply on the journey

#### 2- "Growing in Freedom"

Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD

Cost: \$230.00 (concessions apply)

Mar 31: 6:10 pm – Apr 2 @ 1:30 pm

Living our life of faith with integrity carries with it the promise of true freedom.

#### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8838 3441.

### A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: <http://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-longs-lenten-message-2017/>

#### RCIA

This Sunday at the 10 AM mass Miranda ATTWOOD-MUELLER will participate in the RCIA Rite of Sending leading to the Celebration of the Rite of Enrolment at St Patrick's Cathedral this Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. We will keep her and her family in our prayers.

### Position vacant



**Junior** : Full-time position based in the Diocesan Office in Parramatta. This entry-level role would suit final year design

student or recent graduate. Further details available at: <http://parracatholic.org/employment/> Applications closing soon: [careers@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:careers@parra.catholic.org.au)

### 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**

## kingsmen



"*Kingman*" have scheduled their second get together this **Tuesday 7th March** at Baulkham hills sports club from **7pm**. Come along and meet like minded fathers of our community and share a meal and drink in a relaxed and casual environment. For more information please contact Peter or just come along on the night, bring a mate with you for a greater experience. Looking forward to seeing you. Peter Elchar JP408 678 922

### 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")