

# 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

### Parish Address:

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**SUNDAY 12th March**  
**2017, YEAR A**  
*2nd Sunday of Lent*

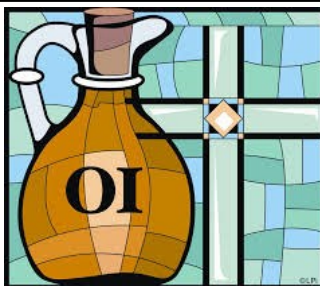


### Gospel Reflection

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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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 :** Tony Hughes, Mary Magill, Simon Khoury, Stan Burgin, Fr George O'Mara, Iris Baxter, Thomas Patrick O'Connor, Rosa Maria Santos and Fran Lewis. .

### THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bill Habib, Marie Peyton, Jean David, James Kenney, Kerry Donahue, Stephen Wong, Jan Radzik

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

Eric Bokeyar .

### 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—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:** 2nd Sunday OF LENT  
Gen 12:1-4; 2Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 3rd Sunday of LENT  
Ex 17: 3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

**March 11/12 —2nd Sunday of Lent**

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

**March 18/19—3rd Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Chris Brown John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Jennifer Alphonse Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Margaret Coakley James Kinsella Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Paul Malouf Michael Nasr	Jose Jilesh	Sarah Cook Stephen Doyle	David Cook	Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov Rosemary Wickham	Darren So

**COUNTER Group 6**– Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci,

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 7**— Ada Cheung

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

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 6**– Helen Templeman, Dawn Murity, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus.



**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.



Like many First Australians, Uncle Richard was torn from his family and culture as a child. Forced to grow up in the State-run Kinchela Boys Home (KBH), he suffered violence and pain that haunted his adult years. Now, through Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, a Caritas Australia partner, he is reconnecting with former KBH boys in a program that restores their wellbeing and helps their families. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.** 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  
[tony.hoban@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tony.hoban@optusnet.com.au)

**Parish Life and Community:** Darren So and Erica Rheinberger  
[soeid@hotmail.com](mailto:soeid@hotmail.com) AND [rheinberger.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rheinberger.eric@gmail.com)

**Youth and Young Adults:** Brad Vergano  
[bradvergano@gmail.com](mailto:bradvergano@gmail.com)

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

#### 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.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for baptised Catholic children eligible to receive the next sacrament of initiation (First Holy Communion) into full membership of the Church.

Children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish masses on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (without children) on Wednesday, 29th March commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program will be explained and any questions answered as well as enrolment forms distributed.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is **essential** that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

### **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.

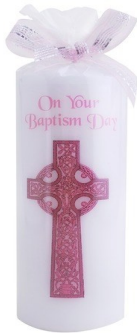


## PARISH MEETINGS:

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**



## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to **Julia Mary Pham Nguyen** as she will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Christ the King Parish community, wishing you and your family a wonderful and memorable day. We pray that you will come to know what God has planned for you.

We also welcome **Olivia Klus** and her family as they are preparing for Olivia's Baptism in 2 weeks. Please continue to keep Olivia and her family in your prayers .

## 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)

## GIRLS CAMP AT MOUNT SCHOENSTATT: 17-20 APRIL

Girls aged 13-15 are invited to a three-day camp at Mount Schoenstatt. Our theme is: Reflected in Our Lady's image: What is real beauty? Program also includes a movie night where family and friends are invited, prayer, craft and fun activities. From 4pm on Easter Monday 17 April to 4pm on Thursday 20 April. Venue: Home of Light at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$100 (includes food and accomm.). RSVP: Friday 7 April 2017 (registration form and deposit required). Inquiries: Sr M Luka: 0439 537 843, fax (02) 4773 8530, [sr.m.luka@bigpond.com](mailto:sr.m.luka@bigpond.com)

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or partner has died is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Topic for this session: *"Dealing with Intense Emotions"*. Registration: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## ASHES TO EASTER -

Lenten concert-reflections with Peter Kearney -  
composer of *Fill My House, The Beatitudes and Where Is Your Song, my Lord?*.



# Sunday 12th March, 3.00pm -  
GLADESVILLE, Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Church, cnr Victoria & Westminster Rds  
Sunday 19th March, 3.30pm - EAGLE VALE,  
Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, Eagle Vale  
Drive

Sunday 2nd April, 11.00am-12.00 - BANKSTOWN, Felix  
Hall, 550 Chapel Rd

# Sunday 2nd April, 4.00pm - ERSKINEVILLE, Our Lady of  
Perpetual Succour Church, 21 Swanson St.

# Friday 7th April, 7.00pm - KENTHURST, St. Madeleines  
Church, 28 Annagrove Rd.

# Palm Sunday 9th April, 2.30pm - SEFTON, Immaculate  
Heart of Mary Church, 6 Kerrinea Road

**Advance registration requested for events marked**

#. Email Peter: [peter@peterkearneysongs.com.au](mailto:peter@peterkearneysongs.com.au) Please  
specify: Venue location. Number of seats needed.

## RETREAT-MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

Ph: 02 8795 3400— [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

[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.

## FINAL PRINT EDITION OF *CATHOLIC OUTLOOK* - MARCH 2017

After 19 years, the print edition of *Catholic Outlook* (the  
official publication for the Diocese of Parramatta) will  
cease publication with March 2017 being the final issue.  
*Catholic Outlook* will continue publishing news and events  
online at [www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org) and through the  
Diocese of Parramatta's social media channels.

## 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/](http://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-longs-lenten-message-2017/)

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 16 MARCH

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations  
from 7.00pm-8.00pm for an hour of adoration, prayer,  
music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in  
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For  
information about priesthood in the Diocese of  
Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr  
John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations,  
[vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)