

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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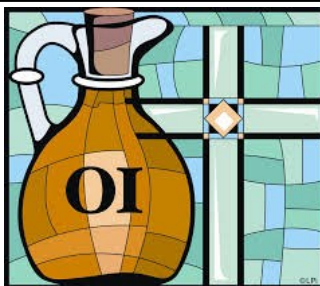
SUNDAY 19th March
2017, YEAR A
3rd Sunday of Lent



Gospel Reflection

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into ‘too much’? The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob’s well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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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 : Sr. Noni Ball RSM, Fred Taouk, Stuart Grayson, 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:

Rosemary Coleman, Adibe Choullary, George Evans, Bill Habib, Marie Peyton, Jean David, James Kenney and Kerry Donahue,
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

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.

EASTER—HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY 9 April—PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the LORD

THURSDAY 13 April—Mass of the LORD’S Supper—**7.30 pm**

FRIDAY 14 APRIL—STATIONS OF THE CROSS—**10.00 am**

FRIDAY 14 APRIL—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION—**3.00 PM**

SATURDAY 15 APRIL— RECONCILIATION **3.00—4.00 PM**

EASTER VIGIL 15 APRIL—6.00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY 16 APRIL—MASSES 8.00 AND 10 AM

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 4th Sunday of LENT
1Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

March 18/19 —3rd Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Jennifer Alphonse Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Margaret Coakley James Kinsella Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	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

March 25/26—4th Sunday of Lent

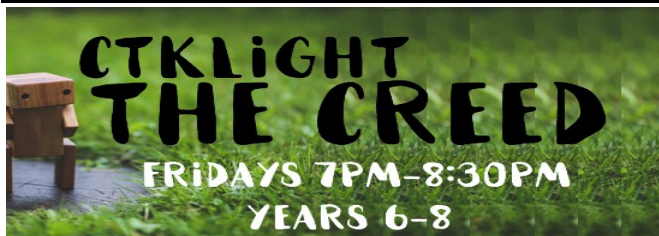
	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	John Lacey Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Marguerite Wong	Trish Yates	Jui-May Lee James McMaster Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Paul Malouf	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Kathryn Gaudron	Margaret Coakley Cheryl Collins Leila Safy	Julia Hoban

COUNTER Group 7– Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 8—Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 4– Lena Henson, dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING Group 1– .Connie Este and CTK school Mums Group 1



PARISH MEETINGS:

21 March 8.00 pm

Parish Finances and Building and Resources Committee

29 March 7.30 pm

First Holy Communion—parents Information Evening

LITURGICAL CALENDAR—March—April

20 March– St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

25 March– The Annunciation of the LORD.

Please view the Holy Week calendar in the first page.

26 April—St Mark the Evangelist.



In Vietnam, young Nguyet was isolated as a result of her severe disabilities, until a Caritas-Australia supported program offered her education, creative outlets and community interaction.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting 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

Parish Life and Community: Darren So and Erica Rheinberger
soeid@hotmail.com AND rheinberger.eric@gmail.com

Youth and Young Adults: Brad Vergano
bradvergano@gmail.com

Social Justice: Jon Manasan 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 17th/18th 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.

REFLECTION

The Samaritan woman who encountered Jesus at the well declared: "Sir, I can see you are a prophet." After her lengthy conversation with Jesus, she said to her townspeople: "Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did!" The world seems to have always known people who claim clairvoyance. Today if you type "fortune teller" into the browser of your computer you can find hundreds of psychics listed. For \$3.99 a minute you can talk to one who claims to be "a gifted, honest, caring psychic who can help you with all issues." Also available are astrologers, mediums, palm readers and tarot card readers. It costs nothing to visit Jesus in prayer. He is the only one who can really tell you everything you ever did. He is the long-awaited Messiah who said to the Samaritan woman: "I, who speak to you, am he." *Deacon Dick Folger*

A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: <http://catholicoutlook.org/>

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

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 and through the Diocese of Parramatta's social media channels.



ASHES TO EASTER -

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

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 Kerrine Road

Advance registration requested for events marked

#. Email Peter:

peter@peterkearneysongs.com.au Please specify: Venue location. Number of seats needed.

RETREAT-MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

Ph: 02 8795 3400— retreats@carmelite.com

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.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL WENTWORTHVILLE FETE

Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, Bennett Street, Wentworthville (entry also via Smith Street Wentworthville)

Date and Time: Friday 24 March 2017 from 3pm till 9pm

Cost: Entry is free, unlimited ride wristbands can be purchased for \$27.00 on the day.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

The Diocese of Parramatta is developing an app to help you keep in touch with what is happening in the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. You will be able to find the latest news, events and local Mass times. To sign up to be the first to know when the app is released go to: <http://parracatholic.org/app/>

You can also keep up-to-date with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta and beyond by subscribing to Catholic Outlook's website to receive daily updates: <http://catholicoutlook.org/subscribe/>

DISCERNMENT AFTERNOON FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: 2 APRIL

Single men and married couples aged 35-55 who are interested in the ordained ministry of the permanent deacon are invited to a discernment afternoon to meet the permanent diaconate vocations team. The discernment program consists of five sessions and each session deals with a different aspect of the permanent diaconate. The session on Saturday 2 April is the start of the 2017 program. From 3.00pm-5.00pm at St Anthony of Padua Parish, 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie. Inquiries to Deacon James deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au or Deacon Tan deacontan@john23rd.org.au

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA: 9 & 14 APRIL

All are invited to join youth and young adults of the Diocese for the Palm Sunday Procession, WYD Mass & Event at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta on Sunday 9 April. The procession down Church Street with Bishop Vincent will depart at 5.30pm from Parramatta Town Hall following a short liturgy.

On Friday 14 April the Good Friday Night Walk will take place at 10pm through the night departing St Patrick's Church at Blacktown and concluding at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 7am.

Building on the success of more than 1300 participating last year the journey will again take us through the Parishes of Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Westmead and Parramatta. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

RCIA- FIRST SCRUTINY AND PRESENTATION OF THE NICENE CREED

This Saturday evening at the 6 PM Mass, our RCIA catechumen, Miranda Attwood-Mueller, will be presented with the Nicene Creed and undergo the first scrutiny.

Please keep Miranda in your prayers in the lead up to her baptism at the Easter Vigil.

JOKE

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.