

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 26 March
2017, YEAR A
4th Sunday of
Lent



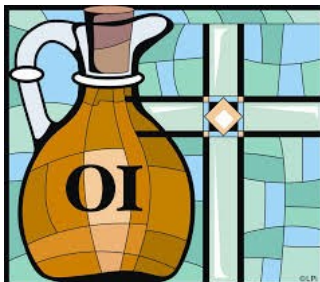
Gospel Reflection

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

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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.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS. Karen Euhus and Mary Ribbons.

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: 4th Sunday OF LENT
1Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 5th Sunday of LENT
Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11: 1-45

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

April 1/2—5th Sunday of Lent

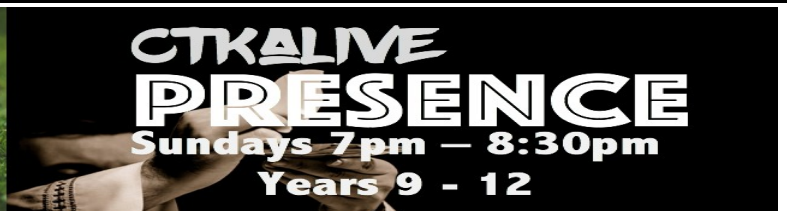
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Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	David Collins	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cate Joseph Christine Kinsella Jenny Roddy	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Micahel Ng Mark Rea	Peter Hrast	Julia Hoban Ian McMaster	David Cook	Diane Campbell Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 1- Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael NG, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 9— Leni Adan, Maria Luisa Sadaya, Gerianne Sadaya

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 2- .Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Marlene Galea



PARISH MEETINGS:

28 March 8pm:Liturgy Committee Meeting Presbytery

29 March 7.30 pm: First Holy Communion—parents
Information Evening in CTK Church

LITURGICAL CALENDAR—March—April

Please view the Holy Week calendar in the first page.

26 April—St Mark the Evangelist.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD—CELEBRATING THE LIBERATING POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Pope Francis calls the universal church to set aside a special period of 24 Hours for the Lord, to be marked around the fourth Sunday of Lent. The focus of this initiative is to highlight and celebrate the liberating power of forgiveness, as experienced in and through the Sacrament of Penance and to set aside intentional time for communal and personal prayer and devotion. It provides an opportunity to turn our hearts to God.



The People's Community Network is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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.

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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

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.

INVITATION TO FR ARTHUR COOK'S FAREWELL: 23 APRIL

Fr Arthur Cook is retiring from parish life and will be leaving the Diocese of Parramatta at the end of April. To mark the occasion and to thank Fr Arthur for his years of service to the parishes of the Diocese, there will be a celebration on Sunday 23 April at St Matthew's Catholic Church, 12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to farewell Fr Arthur. The celebration will start with morning tea after the 9am Mass and will be followed by a BBQ lunch. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 12 April 2017 to the parish office, tel (02) 4577 3073 (BH) or send an email to stmcc@tpg.com.au

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 1ST/ 2ND APRIL 2017

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS. Don't forget to turn your clock **BACK one hour next week** when you go to bed on Saturday night 1st April.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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 Kerrinea 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—247 St Andrews Road
Varroville, NSW, 2566

1- "Growing in Freedom"

Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD—Cost: \$230.00

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.

2- Spirituality at work

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

April 28 – 30

Presenters: Anne Donald & Fr Gerard Moran, OCD
Cost: \$230.00 per person (10% discount for shared
accommodation and for pensioners/students/
unemployed)

DISCERNMENT AFTERNOON FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: SUNDAY 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 Sunday 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

GOOD FRIDAY – QUIET MEDITATION AT THE END OF THE DAY: 14 APRIL

The traditional candlelight presentation of music of JS
Bach, complemented by Sacred Readings from the
Passion of Christ, will be held at St Finbar's Church, 46
Levy St, Glenbrook, at 7.30pm on Good Friday evening.
The Blue Mountains Chorale conducted by Robert Ampt
will sing poignant excerpts from *St John's Passion* and all
will be encouraged to participate in singing
congregational hymns, accompanied by the magnificent
pipe organ. The service will conclude with quiet
meditation. There will be a retiring collection. Suggested
donation: \$15 and \$10 conc. Inquiries tel 4754 1780.

SHRINE TIME FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35: 23 APRIL

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise
& worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and
Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for
WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by
social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3
graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique
opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your
HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough
TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual
boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount
Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION EVENING: 29 MARCH

We invite you to join the Institute for Mission (IFM) for a
Scripture reflection evening during this season of Lent.
Starts 6.45pm on Wednesday 29 March (tea, coffee and
snacks available from 6.30pm) at the Institute for Mission,
1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.

The focus will be on the Gospel of Matthew with the
theme: *Jesus and our personal lives in the 21st Century*.
How is Jesus relevant to our: Relationships? Emotional
health? Self-regard? Lifestyle & peace? Come and be
welcomed by the IFM team and allow Dr Laurie Woods to
unpack personal treasure from the Gospel of Matthew.
This evening will be a great way to connect with the word
of God in preparation for our upcoming Easter
celebrations. To register for this evening please contact
Charbel at the IFM tel (02) 9831 4911 or
email charbel.dib@ifm.org.au RSVP 27 March.

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Events page. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of
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jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

RCIA – SECOND SCRUTINY

This Sunday at the 10 AM Mass, our RCIA catechumen,
Miranda Attwood-Mueller, will undergo the second
scrutiny choosing light and new sight over darkness..
Please keep Miranda in your prayers in the lead up to her
baptism at the Easter Vigil.