

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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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 2nd April
2017, YEAR A
5th Sunday of Lent



Gospel Reflection

As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities.

All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

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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.

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 : 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, Fiona and Michael Hourican and Fran Lewis. .

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr. Noni Ball RSM, Margaret Szabo & Greg Long, Rosemary Coleman,
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.
 George Healy, Antoni Krawczyk, Karen Euhus and Mary Ribbons.

EASTER—HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY 9 April—PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the LORD
WEDNESDAY 12 April— Chrism Mass St. Patrick's Cathedral
7:30pm
THURSDAY 13 April—Mass of the LORD'S Supper—**7.30 pm**
FRIDAY 14 APRIL—STATIONS OF THE CROSS—**10.00 am**
 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: 5th Sunday OF LENT

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11: 1-45

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: PALM SUNDAY

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

April 1/2 —5th Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Phil Trainor	George Germanos Kerry Saad	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola Frank Lah	Dorothea Price
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	Michael 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, Gerinanne Sadaya

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

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

April 8/9—PALM Sunday - Holy Thursday 13 April—Good Friday 14 April

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 9 April 6.00 pm Palm Sunday	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Annette Hoban Camilla Portela	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 9 April 8.00 am Palm Sunday	Stan Burgin Christine Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph James Kinsella	Mike Yates
Sunday 9 April 10.00 am Palm Sunday	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	John Colman	Stephen Doyle Julia Hoban	Kathryn Gaudron	Marea Mooney Dianne Vogt Rosemary Wickham	
Thursday 13 April 7.30 pm Holy Thursday	Peter Echaar Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Gerard Sadaya Sam Safy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth Lilia Nuguid	Julia Hoban
Friday 14 April 3.00 pm Good Friday	Michael Nasr Mark Rea	Phil Trainor	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick Georgette Rissmiller Sue Veling	Kathryn Gaudron	Annette Hoban Frank Lah Camilla Portela	Toby Shi

COUNTER Group 2- Keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 1— Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY Group 2– Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3– .Clarry Barbera, Chris and Beverley Poole, Leo and Elizabeth Bautista, ken Coorey

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the infants Bianca Heagney, Alexander Frare and Gabriela Katherine and their parents who will be presented to the community this week prior to their infants Baptism next week. Please keep them in your prayer.



Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure future for their children.

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

RECONCILIATION 2ND RITE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

The following parishes in our Northern Deanery will be celebrating the 2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (communal liturgy with individual confession) in preparation for Easter. Please avail yourself of one of these opportunities:

Tuesday 4 April – Kenthurst Parish, 7 PM

Thursday 6 April-Winston Hills Parish, 7 PM

Monday 10 April – Baulkham Hills Parish, 7.30PM

Tuesday 11 April – Castle Hill, 7.30PM

RCIA- THIRD SCRUTINY AND PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

This Sunday morning at the 8 AM Mass, our RCIA catechumen, Miranda Attwood-Mueller, will be presented with the Lord's Prayer and undergo the final scrutiny. Please keep Miranda in your prayers in the lead up to her baptism at the Easter Vigil.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Altar society participate in the Liturgical life of our Parish in a meaningful way. They Clean and care for the altar space including maintaining altar candles, linens, vestments, etc. This visual ministry brings people together to change our worship space each liturgical season through the use of flowers, plants and fabrics. Many skills are needed to prepare and hang displays, arrange plants and flowers and care for and repair various fabrics. New volunteer members are needed for flowers arrangements for three to 4 hours **once every nine weeks**. Please contact Barbara Haddad on 0402 585 682 or the parish office on 9871 8712

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 preparation for the Sacrament of Holy communion is undertaken over four weeks in weekly one hour sessions. The **first session** to be conducted at **Mary MacKillop Hall on Wednesday 17 May**.

Enrollment packages for the programme are available in the foyer of the Church and **must be returned by Friday 7 April** to the Parish Office or in the Parish Communication Box in the Church Foyer



Daylight Saving Time Ends

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 1ST/ 2ND APRIL 2017

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

kingsmen

"KingsMen" have scheduled their next get together this **Tuesday 4th April** at Baulkham hills sports club at **7pm**. Come along and meet like minded fathers of our community and share a meal and drink in a relaxed and casual environment. Invite a friend for a greater experience.

For more information please contact Peter or just come along on the night, Looking forward to seeing you there. Peter Elchaar JP, 0408 678 922

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES ONLINE

A list of Holy Week and Easter ceremonies has been posted on catholic Outlook's website:

<http://catholicoutlook.org/holy-week-easter-ceremonies/>

ASHES TO EASTER -

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



Friday **7th April**, 7.00pm - KENTHURST, St. Madeines 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.

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.

PALMS AUSTRALIA VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION SESSION: 6 APRIL

Catholic agency Palms Australia has been recruiting, preparing and sending Australians to mission since 1961. Palms Executive Director Roger O'Halloran will explain Palms' program, which connects experienced professionals, business or trades people, in any area, especially education, to overseas community programs looking to reduce poverty through skills exchange. From 5.45pm-7.45pm at the Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington St (close to Wynyard Station), The Rocks. Details and RSVP tel 0431 995 058 or joey@palms.org.au

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.

ALPHA IS COMING TO CTK - 1ST MAY @7PM!

Alpha is a series of sessions running over 7 weeks, exploring the basics of Christian faith and allowing participants the chance to ask questions and share their point of view. Each session begins with sharing some food to get to know each other; watching a talk designed to engage and inspire conversation; and ending with discussion in a small group to share thoughts and ideas. All are welcome, wherever they may be on their journey.

Each Monday evening will run for approximately two hours from 7pm until 9pm. For those who attended Alpha last year, the talks are slightly different so there will be the opportunity to discover something new. It would be wonderful to see previous participants invite family and friends along this time around to enjoy the Alpha experience firsthand. To find out more or to express your interest, please contact Rachel Elliott at relliottaus@gmail.com or 0411821027

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

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, Merrylands and Parramatta.

Further details on **Catholic Youth Parramatta** Facebook Events page. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

COME AND SEE' WEEKEND RETREATS FOR WOMEN

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. These retreats offer a one-to-one encounter and include prayer time, talks and accompaniment. Bring only a holy Bible and a smile! Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. For more information contact Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638, vocationscsfn@gmail.com