

# 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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## 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 Houry, Stan Burgin, Fr George O'Mara ,Iris Baxter, Thomas Patrick O'Connor, Rosa Maria Santos and Fran Lewis. .

## THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr. Bill Mills, Bobby Twomey, Sr. Noni Ball RSM,  
**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.** Brian John Coorey, Karen Euhus , Mary Ribbons and Olga Gialanze

**SUNDAY 9th April 2017,**  
**YEAR A**  
*PALM SUNDAY of*  
*the PASSION of the*  
*LORD*



As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives.

Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must to be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

**READING FOR TODAY**

IS 50:4-7; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66

**READING FOR EASTER VIGIL**

GEN 1:1—2:2; GEN 22: 1-18; EX 14:15—15:1; IS 54: 5-14; IS 55: 1-11; BARUCH 3:9-15, 32-4:4; EZECK 36:16-28 ROM 6:3-11; MT 28:1-10

**READING FOR EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

ACTS 10:34, 37-43; COL 3:1-4 OR 1COR 5:6-8; JN 20:1-9 OR MT 28:1-10 OR LK 24: 13-35

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 9 April</b> 6.00 pm Palm Sunday	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Annette Hoban Camilla Portela	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 9 April</b> 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
<b>Sunday 9 April</b> 10.00 am Palm Sunday	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	John Colman	Stephen Doyle Julia Hoban	Kathryn Gaudron	Marea Mooney Dianne Vogt Rosemary Wickham	
<b>Thursday 13 April</b> 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
<b>Friday 14 April</b> 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**April 15/19 —Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil—Easter Sunday**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b> Holy Saturday	Ken Boys roger Hook	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Kerry Saad	Jeremy Thaman	John Lacey Nesli Nuguid	Dominic Wong
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b> The Resurrection of the Lord	Stan Burgin John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabet	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b> The Resurrection of the Lord	Paul Malouf Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	David Cook	Jennifer Alphone Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

**COUNTER Group 3—**Sam Bietola, Ken Abood, Roger Brewer, Cass Joyce**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 2—** Barbara Haddad**PIETY Group 3—** Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher**CHURCH CLEANING Group 4—** Mark and Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, Mariana Tomasovic

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE AT CTK**

The CTK Parish Community is encouraged to donate items to help people living in the community and seeking asylum, and who access the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Foodbank Program.

The JRS Program needs your help with specific Food Items and Toiletries in the attached list. A specially marked container will be placed at the back of the Church in which you can drop off your donations. The CTK Social Justice group will collect these items and deliver them to the JRS office in Parramatta on your behalf.

If you need more details, please refer to the attachment or send an email to Jon at

[jon.manasan@gmail.com](mailto:jon.manasan@gmail.com).

## **HAPPY EASTER MESSAGE FROM ALL AT CARITAS AUSTRALIA!**

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal.**

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413

### **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.

## **EASTER—HOLY WEEK**

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

**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**

## **RECONCILIATION 2ND RITE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER.**

**Monday 10 April** – Baulkham Hills Parish, 7.30PM

**Tuesday 11 April** – Castle Hill, 7.30PM

## **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 three to 4 hours once every nine weeks for flowers arrangements. Please contact Barbara Haddad on 0402 585 682 or the parish office on 9871 8712

## **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.

## **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.

## **THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE: 10 APRIL**

Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. A Holy Week reflection liturgy with Scripture, psalm chanting and motets. St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, at 7.30pm.

## **CHRISM MASS IN ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: 12 APRIL**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will preside at this year's Chrism Mass, which will be concelebrated by the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta, assisted by the deacons. During the Mass, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. These holy oils will then be given to the parishes for use during the year. During the Mass, the priests renew their commitment to priestly service. Everyone is welcome. Mass at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

## **LIFTED LIVE! FEATURING STEVE ANGRISANO: 13 MAY**

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for our first LIFTED Live! in 2017 at our new central venue in the Rooty Hill RSL. Last year, more than 400 young people were inspired by Catholic musician, singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Angrisano. You can expect music, prayer, worship, adoration, drama, laughs and a great night as the LIFTED Band and Steve join forces in faith, formation and fun! \$5 entry fee to be inspired and upLIFTED for your ongoing ministry! From 7.00pm-10.00pm at Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Rd, Rooty Hill. RSVP thru the **Catholic Youth Parramatta** Facebook event. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, tel (02) 8838 3428 or [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION & RENEWAL DAY: 21 MAY**

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com)

## **PARISHES MAKING CONNECTIONS NSW CONFERENCE: 2 MAY**

Shane Dwyer, director of the National Centre for Evangelisation, keynotes this year's NSW Catholic Pastoral Conference. Includes presentations and networking with parishes and schools offering successful ministries with small faith groups and with youth engagement. For parishioners, school staff and clergy. Lidcombe, 10.00am-4.00pm, optional dinner. \$60 registration: [www.trybooking.com/PBCM](http://www.trybooking.com/PBCM) Endorsed by our Pastoral Planning Office. For inquiries and flyer: Greg Byrne tel 0427 918 568, [gregbyrne3@bigpond.com](mailto:gregbyrne3@bigpond.com)

## **NEW TESTAMENT WORKSHOPS: 10, 12 & 13 MAY**

The internationally respected Scripture scholar Prof vanThan Nguyen SVD will be conducting three face-to-face workshops at The Broken Bay Institute which will be of practical interest to teachers, parishes and religious communities. Prof Nguyen is the Chair of Catholic Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Director of its widely respected Master of Divinity Program. He has published extensively in the areas of *New Testament Studies* and on *Spirituality in a Pluralistic Society*. Topics: Interpreting and Preaching the Gospel of Matthew (10 May), The Lukan Spirituality of Jesus (12 May) and Reading the Bible in the Context of World Christianity (13 May). For further information and to register: [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/BBites](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/BBites)

## **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 10.00pm 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. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, (02) 8838 3428 or [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **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.**