

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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| Parish Priest: | Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity |
| Deacon : | Rev. Tony Hoban |
| Parish Secretary: | Nadine Lucas Ph: 9871 8710 |
| Youth Coordinator: | Bradley Vergano Mob: 0434 938 312 |
| School Principal: | Tony Hughes Ph: 9871 7438 |
| 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: | Weekday Masses: |
| 6.00pm Saturday | Tuesday 7.30 pm |
| 8.00 am Sunday | Wednesday 9.00 am |
| 10.00 am Sunday | Thursday 9.00 am |
| | Friday 9.15 am |
| | Saturday 9.00 am |
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SUNDAY 23 April 2017,
YEAR A
Second Sunday of Easter



The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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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 Khoury, Stan Burgin, Fr George O'Mara, Iris Baxter, Rosa Maria Santos and Fran Lewis.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Damien Reynolds, Kathleen Turner (mother of parishioner Gwen Murphy) and Annita Paloni.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Peter Francis Murphy, Brian John Coorey,

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.

ANZAC DAY MASS

On **Tuesday, 25 April, Anzac Day**, Father Ian will celebrate **Mass at 9 AM**. Anzac day is a deep and complex event in the Australian psyche. Civic rituals and prayers occur in every town and suburb in the land. We also pick up the themes, nuances and mood in our Mass for the day. Anzac Day carries multiple overtones:

It is a martyr's day when we commemorate the sacrifice of the fallen and honour those who gave their life that we might live.

It is a commemoration of the dead when we commend those who have died in war to the Lord, especially members of our own families.

It is a prayer for peace, because all war is horrible no matter what heroism it reveals.

It is a day of national identity, an Australian 'coming of age' a decade and a half after the formation of the commonwealth.

It is a story of victory in defeat, survival and life in the face of overwhelming odds. **Please note that the evening mass at 7:30 PM normally scheduled is cancelled for this Tuesday.**

Reading for 22/23 Apr- Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47; 1Pet 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31

Reading for 29/30 Apr- Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24: 13-35

April 22/23 — Second Sunday of Easter

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister | Musician |
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| Saturday 6.00 pm | Ken Boys Paul Rankin | Keith Henson | Zeina Chacty John Khoudair | Veronica Chacty | Maria Bietola Lilia Nuguid | Isabelle Chacty |
| Sunday 8.00 am | Stan Burgin John Colman | Ken Coorey | Bev Johnson Marguerite Wong | Trish Yates | James McMaster Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya | Mike Yates |
| Sunday 10.00 am | Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr | David Collins | Anne Gately Jennie Mater | Kathryn Gaudron | Diane Campbell Cheryl Collins Marea Mooney | Dominic Wong |

COUNTER Group 4– Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5— Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 5– Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 5

April 29/30 —Third Sunday of Easter

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister | Musician |
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| Saturday 6.00 pm | Sam Bietola Roger Hook | Phil Trainor | Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya | Jeremy Thaman | Peter Blyth Frank Lah | Dorothea Price |
| Sunday 8.00 am | Chris Brown John Murphy | Peter Bosci | Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick | Jo-Anne Castaneda | Margaret Coakley Annette Hoban Camilla Portela | Pauline Zhao |
| Sunday 10.00 am | Michael Ng Mark Rea | Peter Hrast | Stephen Doyle Sam Safy | David Cook | Cate Joseph Natasha Todorov Rosemary Wickham | Lisa Hoban |

COUNTER Group 5– Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6– Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 6– Helen Templeman, Dawn Muriti, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

FATHER ERIC BURTON UPDATE

Due to aspiration (swallowing) difficulties Father Eric has been placed on a special diet. It is important for his welfare to keep to this diet. Could parishioners, who kindly visit him, please refrain from bringing him gifts of food and drink which may be detrimental to his health.

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

At the 10 AM Mass this weekend, parishioners Ilana Blazevic (Minister of the Word and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion), Cecile McCarron (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Ministry to the Sick and Dying) and Gillian Mobbs (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) have completed courses conducted by the Office for Worship and will be commissioned for these ministries. We congratulate them on the completion of their course and thank them for taking up these ministries in our parish community.



Congratulations to Gabriela Katherine Ruz, Bianca Jade Heagney and Alexander Steven Frare who appropriately in this Easter season will be baptised today. May it be the start of a lifelong faith journey for them as disciples of the risen Lord. May their parents and extended family be examples of faith to inspire these children.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM- 1ST EUCHARIST

Parents who have enrolled children in the program are reminded that the liturgical enrolment ceremony will take place at all Sunday masses (Saturday 6 PM, Sunday 8 AM and 10 AM) next weekend the 29th and 30th April. It is crucial that the candidates and their parents attend one of these masses and present their completed enrolment card during the ceremony. If for a critical reason you are unable to attend, please contact the parish office before this weekend on Ph: 9871 8710.

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.

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

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Each session begins with a bite to eat and chance to meet up with others, followed by a short DVD and then discussion where participants are encouraged to ask questions and discuss their opinions freely. Bring along a friend and see what it's all about! For further information, contact Rachel Elliott at relliottaus@gmail.com

SHRINE TIME FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35: 28 MAY

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 Rd, Mulgoa.



THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

**www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
1800 024 413**

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

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE- APRIL RETREATS

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
Ph: 8795 3400—retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

(discounts for pensioners/unemployed/students)

I can't pray - Presenter: Fr Greg Chee, OCD

When: **May 13**, 9:30 am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$25 (*please remember to bring your own lunch*)

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9.45 am and 10.00am

Entering the Heart of God at mid-year-

Presenter: Michele Connolly

When: **May 26**, 6:10 pm – May 28: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$230 **Getting to know Elizabeth**—Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

When: **May 26**, 6:10 pm – May 28: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$230 A time to ponder on the life and teaching of the new Carmelite saint: Elizabeth of the Trinity

THE CONTEMPLATIVE BOOK CLUB

The Contemplative Book Club will resume meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.00am.

The book for 2017 is by a Benedictine Mark O'Keefe OSB on The Way of Transformation –

Saint Teresa of Avila on the Foundation and Fruit of Prayer. For further information kindly contact Lorraine Murphy ocds on 0407 691 576.

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

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 or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, 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 Endorsed by our Pastoral Planning Office. For inquiries and flyer: Greg Byrne tel 0427 918 568, gregbyrne3@bigpond.com

THE SHRINE OF MT SCHOENSTATT – 'OASIS OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE': 21 MAY

Come and experience a special day at The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – 'Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love' - 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa for the Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held on Sunday 21st May, 2017. The celebrations begin at 10am with Holy Mass at 10:30 am and Eucharistic Procession and Benediction from the valley to the Shrine at 2pm. There will be an alternative programme for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. This is an Outdoor event. Please bring your own chairs and picnic rugs. Food stalls available or bring your own lunch. For more details ring 02 4773 8338 or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

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 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

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 a 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.