

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

Parish Priest:	Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Deacon :	Rev. Tony Hoban
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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:	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 30 April 2017,
YEAR A
Third Sunday of



Gospel Reflection

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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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:

Msgr Eugene Harley (pp of Mosman) Jalil Chacty, Maureen Vierboom

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.

OPEN LETTER TO THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA

Catholics for Renewal has drafted a letter in consultation with many Catholics strongly committed to the teachings of Jesus and their Church. People of the Church, including our bishops, have been distressed by the increasing failings of our Church, particularly in the context of the evidence before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Australian Catholics are invited to consider and sign the Open Letter to the Bishops of Australia. The Open Letter provides an opportunity, consistent with the Church's Code of Canon Law, for the faithful - lay people, religious, priests, all members of the Church - to seek renewal of the Church. The Open Letter may be signed and read online www.catholicsforrenewal.org/open-letter, or by hard copy in the foyer after Sunday Mass.

Parishioners are also invited to attend an extraordinary meeting on the 1 June at 7:30 pm in the MacKillop Hall to discuss the ways in which we can, as a parish, show God's compassion by reaching out to the survivors of sexual abuse: those within our community or those beyond.

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

Reading for 6/7 April—Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

April 29/30 —Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
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 5— Margaret Isaac, 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

April 6/7 —Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	Jennifer Alphonse John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan		Cheryl Collins James Kinsella Jenny Roddy	Toby Shi
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	David Collins	Julia Hoban Ian McMaster	Kathryn Gaudron	Diane Campbell Camilla Portela Rosemary Wickham	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 6— Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6— Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad


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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 1— Connie Este & CTK School Mums Group 1

WATCH THIS SPACE

**CTKLIGHT TERM 2.
FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FAITH.**


**FRIDAY EVENINGS. 7PM. CTK HALL
BE THERE.**

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COMMUNION OF SAINTS

CTK Alive | Years 9 – 12 | Sundays during Term 2
7pm – 8:30pm



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DWF— COLLECTION DUE—21 MAY

The DWF Appeal provides funds for social initiatives and community benefit including **CatholicCare Social Services, Ephpheta and Blacktown Neighbour Aid** to mention just a few.

Gifts over \$2 to the Diocesan Works Fund are tax deductible. Please give generously!

Our quota for this appeal is **\$ 7367.00—Please help us to reach our target before the end of financial year.**

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM- 1ST EUCHARIST

This weekend the liturgical enrolment ceremony will take place at all Sunday masses (Saturday 6 PM, Sunday 8 AM and 10 AM) . The candidates and their parents will present their completed enrolment card during the ceremony. Next weekend parishioners will be invited to take a card and pray for these families during the program. The first session of catechesis will take place on Wednesday 17 May in the MacKillop Hall at 7:30pm.

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

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

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.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE– MAY 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

OLMC PARRAMATTA—OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend the Open Morning Tour on **Monday May 8, 2017.**

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place.

Contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

2017 eCONFERENCE AT BBI -GOSPEL LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHAOS-THE HOPE OF POPE FRANCIS—THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2017 FROM 10:30AM-2:45PM (AEST)

The speakers will reflect upon the unique style of leadership Pope Francis is offering communities around the world at a time of momentous socio-political change and uncertainty

MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT: 13 MAY

Thinking of a gift for mum for Mother's day? Why not take her to a music concert at your local Cathedral? Enjoy the pastoral sounds of a string ensemble, sacred music featuring the Cathedral's magnificent Pipe Organ, and an assortment of musical treasures. End the afternoon with a cup of tea and some sweet and savoury delights. Bring mum. Bring the whole family. Tickets: \$20 per Adult, \$15 Concession. \$5 per Child (12 years and under) available from the St Patrick's Cathedral office. From 3pm on Saturday May 13 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

kingsmen BBQ

Sunday 7th MAY Christ The King Parish alongside the **KingsMen** of North Rocks are a social gathering after 10am mass.

There will be a BBQ and full barista style coffee. For all our parishioners and school families, this is a great time to meet other like minded families and parents of our parish to meet in a relaxed environment.

Looking forward to seeing you there at **10am mass** followed by the BBQ

Peter Elchaar JP - Parish Council Chairman

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on "Love in the Family" our Holy Father calls on all Christians to encourage further enrichment in love in our Marriages as a means to build our Christian Communities. Marriage Encounter is an enrichment experience.

There is a Marriage Encounter weekend on at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Verroville on 19th to 23rd May. We encourage all married couples to attend

There are brochures at the back of the church.

For more information contact Adrian & Janet Sullivan on 0400 963 011



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.