

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS

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<b>Baptisms</b>	Monthly 2nd & 4th Sun
<b>Weddings:</b>	By Appointment
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Sat 9.30 am & 4.30pm
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b>	Sat 9.30am
<b>Rosary:</b>	Sat 8.30am, Tue 7pm
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	10am Mass-During Term
<b>Parish Services</b>	
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	<b>Weekday Masses:</b>
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 14 May 2017,**  
**YEAR A**  
*Fifth Sunday of*



### *Gospel Reflection*

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him. Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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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:**

Emeritus Archbishop of Port Moresby Sir Brian Barnes OFM, Anita and Augustine Moubarack, Anna Guida (Funeral Mass CTK Tues 10:30 am) and Marian Poleweski.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Morrie, Tony and Soraya Khalife, Phillip and Yvonne Boulous.

### *A Mother's Day Prayer*



Creator God, we thank you for the gift of our Mothers.

We acknowledge our Mothers as co-creators with you in their role as life-givers and life-nurturers.

We ask you God, to bless and protect these Mothers,

who reflect your love and care in

our world.

Through the gift of Motherhood, may all Mothers experience the love and appreciation of their children and know that you, God of Love, care deeply for all who reflect your generosity and love in our world. We ask this blessing through Jesus, your Son.

Amen

To our Mothers, we wish you all a Happy Mother's Day and thank you for loving us, for meeting our childhood needs and for reminding us what our greatest needs really are!

#### **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.

**Reading for 13/14 May—Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7; 1Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14: 1-12

**Reading for 20/21 May—Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**May 13/14 —Fifth Sunday of Easter**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Rob Haddad Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Sue Decourcy Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Peter Elchaar Paul Malouf	Ken Coorey	Jennifer Alphonse Sam Safy	David Cook	Annette Hoban Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

**COUNTER Group 7-** Tony Clancy– John Lacey

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 7—** Ada Cheung

**PIETY Group 3–** Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

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

**May 20/21 —Sixth Sunday of Easter**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Ken Boys George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Gerianne Sadaya	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Bev Johnson Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Christine Kinsella Camilla Portela	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Kathryn Gaudron	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Rosemary Wickham	Carla Manasan Darren So

**COUNTER Group 1–** Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael Ng, Graeme Gardiner


**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 8–** Reyna Mendes, Barbara Haddad

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

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


**COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

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

 ctk\_alive | bradvergano@gmail.com | 0434938312

**WATCH THIS SPACE**

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FRIDAY EVENINGS. 7PM. CTK HALL.  
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**OUTTA THIS  
WORLD**  
Winter Camp 2017

Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> –  
Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Mangrove Mountain Retreat  
Years 5-10

\$195 (early bird) \$210 (normal rego)

Register online today!  
<http://www.stbernadette.org.au/life-teen/>

## 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.**

## 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)

## 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 Road, Mulgoa.

## LIFTED LEADERSHIP SEMINAR 2017: JUNE 3 AND 4



Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a weekend of formation, training and sharing for aspiring and active leaders from parishes and schools between the ages of Year 11 and 30 years of age – “Develop, Grow, Inspire for Mission” at the

funky Atura Hotel, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect. The program begins at 10am on Saturday and includes a conference dinner with Bishop Vincent. It continues on Sunday and concludes with a Parish Mass in the evening. There is a heavily discounted registration cost of \$50 for all meals but we are limited to 70 participants. Register through James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta,

## MACKILLOP HALL RENOVATIONS

After months of consultation the finalised plans for the renovation of our parish hall can be seen in the church foyer. These plans have been certified by a private certifying company to meet building code requirements and the committee is awaiting quotes from building companies before beginning the long-awaited renovations.

## REGIONAL CATECHISTS MASS

On Tuesday, 23 May at 7:30 PM Christ the King Parish, North Rocks will host the regional Mass for Catholic special religious education teachers in our state schools. All are welcome to this celebration and acknowledgement of our hard-working catechists.

## DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

The Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta has made the following appointments:

Rev Robert William, currently Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity Granville and Holy Family Granville East as Parish Priest of St Matthew's Windsor from 1 June, 2017 for six years.

Rev Luis Fernando Montano, currently Parish Priest of St Monica's North Parramatta, as Parish Priest of St Bernadette's Parish Castle Hill from 17 July, 2017 for six years.

On 2 May, 2017 Rev Luis Fernando Montano was incardinated into the Diocese of Parramatta leaving the Foreign Missions Society of Mexico or Guadalupe Missionaries.

## SMARTLOVING MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Warnervale July 2017

Saturday 1st, 9am-9pm & Sunday 2nd, 9am-4pm

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## VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TEACHER - CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES

For many years now we have been conducting English language classes for Refugee women at Mamre House Orchard Hills - The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm during school terms. These classes are possible because of the generous help of volunteer English teachers. At present we urgently need a volunteer teacher to come on Tuesdays or alternatively to be on our relief list to fill in when required. A teaching qualification is an advantage but not essential. A Working With Children Check is required. For further information please phone Sr Janet Woods on 0418 690 487.



## REMINDER—PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Wednesday 17 May at 7.30 pm in the presbytery.

## 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)

## ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY : 21 MAY

The next Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia is on Sunday, 21st May. Arrival is 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Meditation and Mass. BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Books and DVDs available for purchase. Registration on arrival. Donation only. Day closes around 3pm. Enquires: Ann Lomas 9456 4775 or [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.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.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL) ON PENTECOST SUNDAY (3RD/4TH JUNE)



Youth and Adults who are bilingual are invited to translate and read the General Intercessions at the weekend Masses for Pentecost Sunday in a language other than English.

The prayer/s (in English) will be

provided to you via email in the week leading up to Pentecost.

If you are fortunate enough to be bilingual and would like to be involved in this way in the Pentecost Sunday liturgies, please email Erica at [rheinberger.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rheinberger.eric@gmail.com) with your name, contact details and Mass time you will be attending on Pentecost Sunday.

## A WEEKEND FOR ENGAGED COUPLES: 9-11 JUNE

Time for Us to Prepare our Hearts for Marriage - A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9-11 June. These weekends aim to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful "YES" to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. Investment: \$200pp. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/236581350078661/>

## MASS FOR NEOPHYTES: 2 JUNE

Friday 2 June, 2017 at 7.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The annual Mass for Neophytes (*newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church*) marks the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. Celebrated by the Most Rev. Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta.

For further information contact Ingrid Vergano on 8838 [3456](tel:88383456) or [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@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.