

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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SUNDAY 21 May 2017,
 YEAR A
*Sixth Sunday of
 Easter*



Gospel Reflection

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world. The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 19th August 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:

Fr Mark McGuinness MSC, Anna Guida, Marian Polewski and Gisele Picard

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Guisseppina, Carmelina, Beniamino, Jimmy Cutrone and George Cutrone Jr

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.



Pentecost Sunday @ CTK, NORTH ROCKS

Come Celebrate the birthday of the Church on Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017

10am Mass followed by morning tea

Please bring a plate of finger food to share



Reading for 20/21 May—Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Reading for 27/28—The ASCENSION of the LORD
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

May 20/21 —Sixth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Gerianne Sadaya	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Bev Johnson Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Christine Kinsella Camilla Portela	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	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

May 27/28 —The ASCENSION of the LORD

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Aubon Fernando	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Daniel Thuraiatnam	Cate Joseph Jui-May Lee James McMaster	Toby Shi
Sunday 10.00 am	Micahel Ng Mark Rea	Ken Coorey	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	David Cook	Lorraine Murphy Natasha Todorov Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban

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


ALTAR SOCIETY Group 9— Leni Adan, Maria Luisa Sadaya

PIETY Group 1— Maria Bietola, Tony and Catherine Hughes

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4— Mark and Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, Mariana Tomasovic.


COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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

 ctk_alive | bradvergano@gmail.com | 0434938312

WATCH THIS SPACE

CTKLIGHT TERM 2.
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FRIDAY EVENINGS. 7PM. CTK HALL.
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**OUTTA THIS
WORLD**
Winter Camp 2017

Monday July 10th -
Wednesday July 12th

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 Today provides funds for social initiatives and community benefit.

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.**

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Parishioners are 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 particularly in the light of the evidence presented before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: those within our community or those beyond.

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. Next Sunday at the 10 am Mass a JRS spokesperson will speak. If you need more details, please refer to the attachment or send an email to Jon at jon.manasan@gmail.com

LIFTED LEADERSHIP SEMINAR 2017: JUNE 3 & 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, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: CHANGE THE WORLD! IT'S UP TO US!: 31 MAY

Are you 18-25 years? Committed to social justice, changing the world, & having fun? Come & co-create with Caritas, the world's second-largest aid & development organisation. Join us for an initial *Call to Action* in the Sydney CBD (Venue TBC), Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 6pm. RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1848653452074863> or act@caritas.org.au



The Parish community welcome the parents and Grand-parents of babies: Chelsea Hanna, Poppy Isabelle Baker and Buddy Martin who are going to be Baptised next week and become a member of the body of Christ. We wish you every blessing as you prepare for the Baptismal celebration.

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.

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.

OAKHILL COLLEGE GALA DAY—SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

Oakhill College, Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill

9.00 am—4.00 pm

Rugby, Soccer, Tennis and Hats, Scarves, Candles, Jewellery, Food stalls and More.

Jumping Castle, Obstacle C Movies, Bucking Bull, Chocolate Wheel and Raffles prizes. All welcome!

<http://www.galaday.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/>

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 with your name, contact details and Mass time you will be attending on Pentecost Sunday.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017.

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$610.00

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at

MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

CENTENARY HISTORY BOOK OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS EPPING: 24 MAY

As a final Centenary celebration of the establishment of Our Lady Help of Christians' Church in Epping (the former Catholic Parish Of Epping), the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford have produced a book reflection on the 100 years of Catholic Worship in Epping.

The book will be launched on Wednesday, 24 May 2017, on the Solemnity of our Patron Saint, Our Lady, Help of Christians, and will be available following the launch through the Parish.

The book, "A Paddock out of the Back (100 Years of Catholic Worship in Epping)," details the Parish's life over the last 100 years and even further back to the time of the Barren Hills Timbergetting Establishment in 1820. The book is a journey back in time and includes many pictures and images across this period. Since this memorable book is produced as part of the Parish's Centenary Celebration, it will be selling at the nominal price of \$12 per copy.

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 BrCAR ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, juliebrcar@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 or 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.