

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
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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  
**Parish Address:**  
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**SUNDAY 28 May 2017,**  
**YEAR A**  
*The ASCENSION of*  
*the LORD*



### *Gospel Reflection*

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church). Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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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:**

Anna Guida, Marian Poleweski and Gisele Picard

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

Neil O'Hara, Guiseppina, Carmelina, Beniamino, Jimmy Cutrone and George Cutrone Jnr, Peter and Esse Capsanis

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

**Reading for 3/4 June— PENTECOST Sunday**  
Joel 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

**May 27/28 —The ASCENSION of the LORD**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Aubon Fernando	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Daniel Thurairatnam	Cate Joseph Jui-May Lee James McMaster	Toby Shi
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	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.

**June 3/4 —PENTECOST Sunday**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Sue Veling Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	John Lacey Frank Lah	Isabelle chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James Kinsella Anne-Marie Makin Jenny Roddy	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Peter Elchaar Mark Rea	David Collins	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	David Cook	Annette Hoban Camilla Portela Leila Safy	Carla Manasan Darren So

**COUNTER Group 3—** Sam Bietola, Ken Abood, Roger Brewer, Cass Joyce

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 1—** Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

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

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 5—** Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 5

**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.**  
**FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FAITH.**  
**FRIDAY EVENINGS. 7PM. CTK HALL.**  
**BE THERE.**

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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/>

### **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING—1 June - 7.30pm**

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. Members of the public are invited to contact the Diocese of Parramatta Office for Safeguarding & Professional Standards on (02) 8838 3419 if you have any concerns or questions about the response of the Diocese of Parramatta to complaints of child sexual abuse

### **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](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **JRS FOODBANK DRIVE.**

Thank you for your ongoing support to the CTK-JRS Foodbank drive! Every single item is making a big difference and is very much appreciated! Please standby for more updates this weekend in all the Masses. To help facilitate collection and pick-up of donations, the Social Justice team requests that all donations be brought on the last weekend of June.

### **CTK SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Do you have feel the need to reach out and do more for other people? If so, have a chat with CTK Social Justice team. We are a bunch of energetic and driven individuals who provide opportunities for the Parish to help other communities by inspiring others to action, facilitating outreach activities and creating linkages to social justice initiatives. If you want to now more about it, please don't hesitate to email us at [jon.manasan@gmail.com](mailto:jon.manasan@gmail.com) and we'll get back to you.

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

Are you 18-25 yrs? 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](mailto:act@caritas.org.au)

### **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.

### **FATHER IAN'S ANNUAL LEAVE- NO WEEKDAY MASSES**

Father Ian will be taking annual holidays from 4 July returning to the parish on 1 August. He has been able to organise supply priests for the weekend Sunday masses but has been unable to secure a priest for the weekday Mass timetable. This is the reality of the shortage of priests in our Diocese and Fr Ian has been advised by the Vicar for Clergy to look at alternative arrangements. These include organising Communion services for these times (if acolytes or special ministers of the Eucharist are available) to be rostered on during this period or cancelling these masses and inviting those who normally come to go to neighbouring parishes during this period. Your feedback on which alternative we take is appreciated. A decision will be made in 2 weeks to give sufficient notice of what will be occurring.

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

### **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 : Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, 0408728334, [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com)

### **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 Ph. Sr Janet Woods on 0418 690 487.

**DWF**

The quota for this Appeal is **\$7367.00**—The amount raised last Sunday is **\$3698.35**

A shortfall of **\$3668.65** Please donate as generously as you are able. **Donations of over \$2.00 to the DWF are tax deductible**, so this is a good opportunity to avail yourself of this concession before the end of financial year.

**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](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au).

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[retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)  
'Saturday day retreat'

**THE ECSTATIC GOD**

**June 3, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm** (registrations from 930am. Please bring your own lunch. Pick ups from Minto train station at 945am and 1000am)  
Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD—Cost: \$25.00  
Come, Holy Spirit breathe new life in us!

**“A BALANCED LIFE”**

**Jun 9 – Jun 11**

Presenter: Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD  
Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)  
We often feel overwhelmed by the demands and circumstances of life, not knowing what to do or where to turn.

**THE LIGHT OF HOPE AND PEACE**

**June 16 – 18**

Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)  
Presenters: John Charadia & Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

**MINDFULNESS AND ‘PRAYING ALWAYS’**

**June 23 – 25**

Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)  
Presenter: Fr. Paul Chandler, O. Carm  
Can I practice “mindfulness” in a Christian way?

**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](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)

**THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: 30 JUNE**

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on ‘The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time’. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: [cgsaust.org.au](http://cgsaust.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.