

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:	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 25 June 2017

YEAR A

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Parishioners, could you please collect your planned giving envelopes from the church foyer. These set of planned giving envelopes will last until the end of Financial year 2018. Being in a Planned Giving Program enables you to contribute to the expense of running our Parish, and at the same time, helps the Finance Committee to organize the Budget more accurately by giving them a better idea of the income it could receive during the year. They will be presenting a report on the weekend of 29/30 July.

Many Parishioners have now pledged their contributions monthly charged via Credit Card or Direct Debit rather than having to remember to bring their envelopes every week. If you require this method of contribution, please call the Parish Office. Whichever method you choose, perhaps this would be a good opportunity for you to carefully consider the level of your current contributions in the light of your present circumstances and our Parish mission and future building projects.

Thank you to all parishioners for your continuing and generous support for Christ the King Parish

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 : Robert Conlon, Fred Taouk, Stuart Grayson, Mary Magill, Simon Khoury, Stan Burgin, Fr George O'Mara, Iris Baxter, Rosa Maria Santos, Sylvette Marsh and Fran Lewis.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Olive Kennedy (Sr Brenda's sr-in-law), Fr Claude Borg M SSP, Denis Habermann, Frank Dutton and Jakov Pecotic.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Grace Fedrigo, Sean Bolger, Brian Patrick, Rita Bellemore, John Gately, Bill Costello

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 24/25 June—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Reading 1/2 July—13th Sunday in Ord. Time
2Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

June 24/25—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Gerard Sadaya Dexter Tabeta	Jeremy Thaman	John Lacey Lilia Nuuid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	John Colman	John DeCourcy Bev Johnson	Daniel Thurairatnam	Annette Hoban James Kinsella Lorraine Murphy	Toby Shi
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Paul Malouf	David Collins	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Gerianne Sadaya Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

COUNTER Group 6- Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 4— Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 2- Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Marlene Galea

July 1/2—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Jui-May Lee Jenny Roddy	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Paul Malouf Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Kathryn Gaudron	Diane Campbell Marea Mooney Dianne Vogt	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 7— Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5- Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3— Clarry Barbera, Chris and Beverley Poole, Leo and Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all involved in last weekend's Celebration of First Holy Communion. A big thank you to The Sacramental Team, musicians, those who assisted with refreshments, parents and children. This weekend the children will receive their certificates at all masses. Year 4 from CTK School will join us at the 10 AM Mass. A barbecue has been organised at the conclusion of this Eucharist. Thanks to the social committee for organising this.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The initial information meeting for parents took place last Thursday where enrolment forms were distributed. For families who missed this meeting enrolment forms are available at the back of the Church and must be returned by Friday, 30 June to the parish communications box in the Church foyer. **On the weekend of 22/23 July at all Masses candidates who are enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented and enrolled in a ceremony during Mass.** The first session of the program will take place for parents and children in the week commencing 24 July in the various groups allocated. A meeting for facilitators will take place in the CTK library on Wednesday, 19 July at 7:30 PM. **children in grade five or above are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred on Wednesday, 30 August at 7:30 PM.**

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL



There is no magic solution to poverty; it takes compassion, commitment, money and donors to help the St Vincent de Paul Society assist families in crisis. This winter, Vinnies' commitment to helping those affected by poverty is more essential than ever. The continuing global economic crisis, the increasing unemployment rate and high rents, mean many will struggle to make ends meet. Home Visitation, practical assistance, education and recreational programs and accommodation services are all funded through the generous donations of those in a position to help. When you support Vinnies, you are helping us do what we do best: rebuild lives. Because you are not just giving money, you're giving hope!

Collections for the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be made at all Masses this weekend. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2017: 16 JULY

The ABRAHAM CONFERENCE brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims to create connections, build relationships and discuss critical issues of importance to us all in a multicultural, multi-faith society. We each bring our own perspectives, together we are enriched and empowered to act on our shared values and beliefs. Sunday 16 July 2017, 2.00pm – 6.00pm at Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall, Uniting Church in Australia, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. Cost: \$20.00 [Concession: \$10.00 student/pensioner]. Register at EventBrite:

AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au

SCREENING OF THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT: 29 JULY

The Australian premiere of a new film about the historic meeting between St Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, Malik Al-Kamil, in the midst of the conflict of the Fifth Crusade, will take place on 29 July at Western Sydney University's Parramatta South Campus. More information and a trailer for the film can be found at:

www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com

Tickets are \$10. Book at <https://sultansaintsydney.eventbrite.com.au>

The screening is being co-hosted by Diocese of Parramatta.

Entertainment, Food & Drinks and more. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. 6pm – 10pm Weekdays, 6pm – 10pm Weekends. More information visit: <https://stpatrcathedral.com.au/>

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FATHER IAN'S ANNUAL LEAVE-ROSTER FOR WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

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. Acolytes or special ministers of the Eucharist will be rostered on during this period to conduct these services. Could Acolytes or Special ministers of the Eucharist please place their name on the roster in the sacristy if they are available to assist during this time that Fr Ian is away.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

Mary MacKillop Parish Hall renovations will begin during the school holidays. The first task will be the professional removal of materials containing asbestos. Whilst this occurs, for safety reasons, the parish car park will be closed from the 3-7 July (Mon-Friday). Those attending Communion services in the church will need to park on the street and access the Church from the pedestrian gate in front of the Church. If any other access is required please ring Luke Rissmiller on Mob:0406 563 466

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST AT 7.30 PM

Due to unforeseen circumstances the extraordinary meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm Thursday, 1 June 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 had to be postponed. The new date for this meeting is Wednesday 16 August in a venue to be announced.

DIVINE RENOVATION CONFERENCE

For all those inspired by Fr James Mallon and his writing, those seeking parish renewal and those engaged with Alpha

- Held on Friday, 18th August 2017 all day and Saturday, 19th August 2017 half-day at the ***Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown*** - Fr James Mallon will be skyping in on one of these days
- Other presenters TBA
- Cost TBA
- Numbers are limited to less than 40 seats!!!

Please contact Charbel at ***IFM ASAP*** to book your place: charbel.dib@ifm.org.au or 98314911

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: 2 JULY

2 July 2017 is Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday with the theme, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me". Resources have been developed by the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council to assist Parishes and Schools to celebrate the gifts and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to the Church in Australia. Resources can be found at: <http://www.natsicc.org.au/atsi-sunday-2017.html>

2017 CAMINO PILGRIMAGE & EUROPEAN TOUR

Friday 15 September - Sunday 8 October 2017

'I am the Way (Camino), the Truth and the Life'. John 14:6

Rome - Assisi - Barcelona - Montserrat - Camino

Pilgrimage - Santiago - Madrid - Toledo

Plan to join us for a reasonably priced experience in Christian pilgrimage,

as we experience some of the most treasured places of our heritage and story.

Fully escorted, small group, quality accommodation, private transfers, many meals included.

Visit: www.caminowalk.com.au or call Paul (Tour Leader) 0412 850 883

SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH – DISCERNMENT RETREAT: 1 JULY

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite women aged between 18-35 to their Discernment Retreat involving reflections, prayers and a social gathering. Lunch will be provided. 1 July 2017 at 9:30am, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

CTK SOCIAL JUSTICE

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 and we'll get back to you.

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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008! Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park. Here's how to register: Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta Over 18 years of age – register as an individual Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August. For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

VOLUNTEERS FOR ACYF

ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA (CYP) LIFTED

RETREAT: JULY 21-23 'MADE FOR GREATNESS'

In its third year, the annual LIFTED Retreat is an opportunity for young adults 18+ to gather for a weekend at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. This year's theme "Made For Greatness" will encourage us to live our lives to the full with courage and joy in preparation for ACYF in December. Please go to www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparramatta for more details, or contact rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: 30 JUN

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. For more information: cgsaust.org.au

LIGHT UP ST PAT'S JUNE 30 – JULY 9

Light Up St Pat's Presented by Payce. St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will shine a brilliant array of colour and creativity in conjunction with the City of Parramatta's Winterlight Festival. Similar to the Christmas lights at St Mary's Cathedral, this event will also provide entertainment and stalls in the Cathedral precinct including: Shroud of Turin (*replica*) Exhibition, Organ Recital and Concert in the Cathedral, Live Entertainment, Food & Drinks and more. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. 6pm – 10pm Weekdays, 6pm – 10pm Weekends. More information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>