

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 02 July 2017
YEAR A
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday a day where we acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's first peoples. It is also the start of National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee or NAIDOC week. We acknowledge that God has been walking with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, making his presence known through a living culture that has been maintained till this present time.

PASTORAL STATEMENT FROM BISHOP VINCENT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The news that Cardinal Pell has been charged on summons with historic allegations of sexual offences is receiving significant media attention at this time.

I understand that such a development may cause deep upset and pain and it may challenge our faith. I share these thoughts and feelings with you.

If needed you may wish to seek pastoral support from your Parish Priest or obtain professional counselling which is available through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta on Ph: (02) 8822 2222.

Out of respect for the people involved in this matter, and the criminal justice process, it is not appropriate for me to comment further at this time.

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:

Ellen Piggott (Eileen's Grand Mother) , Olive Kennedy (Sr Brenda's sr-in-law), Fr Claude Borg MSSP, Denis Habermann, Frank Dutton and Jakov Pecotic.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Helen Margaret McMaster, Teresa Marzano, Grace Fedrigo, Vito Denina, Judith Lum, Brian Joyce

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

Reading 8/9 July—14th Sunday in Ord. Time
Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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

July 8/9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Aubon Fernando	George Germanos Kerry Saad	Jeremy Thaman	Lisa Hoban Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John colman Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Marguerite Wong	Trish Yates	Margaret Coakley James Kinsella Gerianne Saday	Mike yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Michael Ng Mark Rea	David Collins	Sarah Cook Julia Hoban	Jamie Hoban	Camilla Portela Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Dominic Wong

COUNTER Group 1— Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael NG, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6- Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 3- Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

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

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.

FATHER IAN'S ANNUAL LEAVE-

Father Ian will be on 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 provide Communion services on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. There will be no services on Tuesday evening until Fr Ian returns on 1 August. Reconciliation on Saturday mornings is also cancelled until Father Ian's return. If a priest is required urgently whilst Father Ian is away please call the parish office during office hours or the surrounding parishes e.g. St. Monica's, North Parramatta Ph:9630 1951 or St Michael's Baulkham Hills Ph:9639 0598

SEA SUNDAY APPEAL, 9 JULY 2017

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is '*In the midst of the storm*', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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

MGL SISTERS VOCATIONS WEEKEND 13-15 JULY

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters are a new Australian group who dedicate their lives to helping people encounter the love of God. They invite young women who are open to praying about God's will for their lives to spend some time with them at their home in Sydney. This weekend provides the space to pray, and information about the MGL vision and way of life, their ministries and their individual stories. If interested, please contact the sisters: 96268382

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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.**

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.**

A PRESENTATION BY ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL FITZGERALD- SAT 19 AUGUST—10 AM TO 12 PM

Venue: Caroline Chisholm centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills—Vehicle Access Via City View Rd

There has been much reporting on the difficult situation concerning Christians in the Middle East. In this presentation by Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, he will consider the present situation and the importance of religious freedom as a fundamental human right. Archbishop Fitzgerald will also consider the plight of other faiths, emphasising the importance of interreligious dialogue for the promotion of peace and understanding in our world. **RSVP By Thursday 17 August 2017—4332 9825 / 9847 0448 or Registration @DBB.ORG.AU**

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 AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au

**LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS:
RISE UP 2018 INFORMATION NIGHT: 19TH JULY**

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 14th - 23rd March 2018. Cost of pilgrimage \$3080 for 7 days with some additional expenses. Information night Wednesday 19th July at 7.30pm at 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack or more information. RSVP for catering purposes tel 1300 550 830 or info@olivetreetravel.com.au or Lisa on 9622 1125.

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://stpatscathedral.com.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. 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/> Weekends. More information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT DAY: 5 JULY

A Silent Retreat day at Mt Schoenstatt for vocation discernment to Marriage & Family life, Single Life or Consecrated Life. Commences with an input on love followed by silent prayer and reflection and concludes with group prayer.
Cost \$30 includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and materials.

Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/R5ApCo>

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of faithful volunteers to clean the Church.

You will be assigned in one of the existing groups. The cleaning will take 2 hours every 6 weeks. If are willing to serve the Lord in this ministry, please contact Brian Euhus on: 9873 5603 or the Parish Office.

We very much appreciate all the faithful volunteers who take care of cleaning our church facility each and every week and work diligently to maintain our building. We want to thank all those who have been cleaning.

The Lord has graciously given us a beautiful facility in which to meet and worship, and we seek to honour Him by taking good care of all He has provided for us by making sure trash is picked up and disposed of properly.

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

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

GOSPEL LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHAOS: THE HOPE OF POPE FRANCIS

The 13th National BBI-ACBC eConference Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: The Hope of Pope Francis will be held over the internet on 10 August 2017—FREE Supported by the ACBC, BBI The Australia Institute of Theological Education will host prominent and well respected, international and national speakers to reflect upon the unique leadership Pope Francis is offering communities around the world at a time of momentous socio-political change and uncertainty.

Watch this conference live, online, for free. For more information visit: <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017>