

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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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 09 July 2017
 YEAR A
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

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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.

2016/2017 TAX RECEIPTS

Parishioners requiring a tax receipt for the 2016/2017 financial year are requested to register their name and address on the clipboard at the back of the church. Tax receipts will not be issued unless a request is made. Receipts will be available next weekend for collection.

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

Reading 15/16 July—15th Sunday in Ord. Time
Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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.

July 15/16—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy John Khoudair	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Frank Lah	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Murphy	John Colman	Bev Johnson Rhoda Patrick	Daniel Thurairatnam	Annette Hoban James McMaster Rosemary Wickham	Toby Shi
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Paul Malouf	David Collins	Stephen Doyle Ian McMaster	David Cook	Lorraine Murphy Jenny Rodday Leila Safy	Carla Manasan Darren So

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

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 7- Ada Cheung

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

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

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

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

EREMOS WINTER RETREAT:: 29 JULY

Home is our place of origin and our place of arrival. Led by the Eremos Retreat Team, this retreat will provide a welcoming space to consider some ways to understand and take to heart our various experiences of leaving home, the spiritual journey we travel, and our times of turning for home. An opportunity for personal reflection, company in thoughtful conversation, a Labyrinth walk and silent meditation.

Venue: Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Pymble
Cost: \$75, or \$65 for members, \$10 less for concession (and include morning tea and lunch)

Bookings are essential and close on Thursday 13 July. Please book by clicking on the link <https://www.trybooking.com/QBNZ>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 18 – 20 AUGUST

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 18th to 20th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au_or
Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

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**

RETREAT FOR MEN OF ALL AGES - COME AND BE REFRESHED.

Theme: Where do you go to be refreshed? How important is this for you? Where is God in this?

When: Friday 4th to Sunday 6th August

Where: Home of Light, Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Cost: Just \$150 which includes the retreat, accommodation and all meals. **Register:** Jim Jankiewicz email: mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or phone: 0432 487 927

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/>

CAST INTO THE DEEP: 19 – 20 JULY 2017

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PASTORAL CARE IN A MULTICULTURAL CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

The Conference will be held at the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus on 19-20 July 2017. The National Conference is centered around the theme '*cast into the deep*' (Luke 5:4), reflecting on the call by His Holiness Pope Francis to go out to the peripheries of the world and cast the net.

The Conference provides an opportunity for migrant communities within the Catholic Church in Australia to come together, meet, pray and reflect on the successes and challenges facing each of their communities. It is also an opportunity to engage with the wider Church and Society in order to better equip our Priests and pastoral workers for them to be the best agents of social cohesion and pastoral care in our communities.

The keynote addresses for the conference will be given by Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, and Cardinal Orlando Beltran Quevedo Archbishop of Cotabato, Philippines.

For more information and to register, please visit www.acmro.catholic.org.au

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.

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.

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

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

GOSPEL LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHAOS: THE HOPE OF POPE FRANCIS—10 AUGUST 2017

The 13th National BBI-ACBC eConference Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: The Hope of Pope Francis will be held over the internet —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>