

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 23 July 2017
YEAR A
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us 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 : Melissa Sahin, 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:

Janice Labrie, Fr Claude Borg MSSP,

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Nguyen Van Nu, Grace Fedrigo, Vito Denina and Judith Lum

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.

2016/2017 TAX RECEIPTS

ALL PARISHIONERS WHO REQUESTED TAX RECEIPT, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RECEIPT FROM THE CHURCH FOYER.

All other Parishioners requiring a tax receipt for the 2016/2017 financial year for the **Appeal Collection of the DWF** 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. There are **NO TAX DEDUCTIBILITY ON THE PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES. PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2017/2018**

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. Parishioners who no longer request envelopes and prefer to pay by direct debit or credit, please notify the Parish office or put your name, address, telephone number and your request and place it in the box located in the church foyer and I will contact you.

Reading 22/23 July—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Reading 29/30 July—17th Sunday in Ord. Time
1kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

July 22/23—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy John Lacey	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Margaret Noonan Dexter Tabeta	Jo-anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Cate Joseph James Kinsella	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Michael Nasr Mark Rea	Jose Jilesh	Jennifer Alphonse Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Diane Campbell Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov	Isabelle Chacty

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

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 8— Reyna Mendes, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 6- Helen Templeman, Dawn Muriti, ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

29/30—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Rob Haddad Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Peter Blyth Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Marguerite Wong	Trish Yates	Margaret Coakley Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Paul Malouf Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Jamie Hoban	Lisa Hoban Gerianne Sadaya Dianne Vogt	Julia Hoban

COUNTER Group 4— Carl Lao, Peter Bellany, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 9- Leni Adan, Maria Luisa Sadaya, Gerianne Sadaya

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 1— Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 1

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 an 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.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Fr. Brian Lucas, supply priest this week who will celebrate the Masses while Fr. Ian is away.

THANK YOU—SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Group wish to thank the parishioners for their fantastic response to our efforts to support Arrupe, the refugee centre in North Parramatta. We will continue to allocate the last Sunday of each month as the JRS Foodbank drop-off day. Thank you, also, for the response to our survey. Three more people have committed to our group and the issue of asylum seekers is the no.1 concern for those who responded. We are in the fledgling stages of our organisation and are always open to suggestions on how to take flight. Look out for our ID board which will be displayed within a few weeks, then you will be able to approach us as necessary. We look forward to working with our fellow parishioners in our field of social justice.

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/>

WEEKEND RETREAT: GREGORIAN CHANT

Presenter: Mr Tony Vaughan

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 **When:** Aug 4 – Aug 6

Cost: \$230 (concessions apply) **Ph:** 02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Come and experience the beauty & spiritually uplifting sound of Gregorian Chant ... one of the foundations of all Western European music. This sacred oral music can be traced back to the Jewish chant at the time of Christ.

DAY RETREAT: THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD: A WAY THROUGH THE PAIN OF GRIEF AND LOSS

Day retreat: 5 August (1030am – 400pm)

Registrations from 900am

Presenter: Mr Geoff Stumbles

Cost: \$25.00— Please bring your own lunch.

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 945am and 1000am.

How do we pray when we are experiencing loss and grief when God seems to have abandoned us?

A BIG 'THANK YOU' FROM VINNIES

Thank you to the CTK community for a very successful Winter Appeal for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Your amazing generosity will allow us to continue through winter and beyond to assist those less fortunate amongst us with essential items such as food, electricity and furniture.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend 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.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Wednesday, 30 August at 7:30 PM.

HALL REFURBISHMENT

Mary MacKillop Parish Hall is under renovation. For those attending Communion services in the church, if the gate is closed, please 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—sorry for any inconvenience.

CTK LIGHT -

Our year 6-8 youth group returns this Friday 21st July! This term's theme is "Movie Mania"!! Come along and have some fun in fellowship!!

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm—Location: CTK school library

COFFEE CLUB!

Starting next Sunday (23rd July), our youth ministry will have a coffee club right after the 10am Mass! An awesome opportunity to chill, experience community and chat about our Catholic faith!

Where? Outside church—For ages 15-30

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION & RENEWAL DAY: 20 AUGUST

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775

OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, July 26 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL TODAY

In Bujuni, a remote parish deep in the heart of Uganda, bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger. Many women take great risks to get to the nearest

affordable maternity ward at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the health centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic. With your support through Catholic Mission, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St Luke's and provide essential services for women and children. Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today. **1800 257 296** catholicmission.org.au/uganda

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>

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.**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

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.wvme.org.au_or
Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419

CAMELOT MUSICAL:

Artes Christi is delighted to present one of the world's most loved (but rarely performed) musicals, Lerner & Loewe's *CAMELOT* starring acclaimed film, TV & stage actor Donald Macdonald (Merlyn) alongside Paul McLeod (Arthur), Emily Potts (Guenevere) and a cast & live orchestra of 75. From the writers of *My Fair Lady*, this Tony Award Winning musical brings to life all the romance, pageantry and intrigue of King Arthur and his legendary Medieval Kingdom with this production of *CAMELOT* proudly supporting Ephpheta, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. **Shows: 18-20 August;** Seymour Centre TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or www.camelot2017.com

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

SUPPORT FOR ADULTS WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED -

Solo Parent Services' Stepping Beyond group assists and supports anyone experiencing a separation or divorce. Next gathering: **Tuesday 25th July from 7pm - 9pm** at 38 Prince St, Blacktown. If you or anyone you know may benefit from the support of this group, please contact Rita on 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE.

Contemplation With Thomas Merton

A Retreat Facilitated by Carmel Posa sgs.

Thomas Merton gave us a unique view of contemplation in a world of action. His teaching can unite us in our deepest desire for communion with God, each other and our world. This retreat provides the opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in silence and in Merton's way of prayer.

Date: Friday 11 August (arrival before 6pm) to 2pm Sunday 13 August.

Cost: \$300 (Includes all meals, program materials and accommodation for 2 nights) **Bookings by:** Friday August 4 **email:** mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au

Phone: 9484 6208

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road.

PILGRIMAGE: A TASTE BEFORE THE REAL THING!

SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 6

An AMAZING 13-day Encounter tour of Timor-Leste. An EXPERIENCED GUIDE leads your visit to communities where Palms volunteers work with host communities. Get a UNIQUE UNDERSTANDING of their daily lives; an INCREDIBLE INSIGHT into Timorese culture. WITNESS sustainable development. Visit palms.org.au/encounter. Call Roger during business hours: 0431995058.