

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 30 July 2017
 YEAR A
 17th Sunday in
 Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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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:

Fr Claude Borg MSSP, Norma Thompson and (Fr. Anthony Reynolds Funeral Mon 31 July- 11.00 am at Cardinal Gilroy Village chapel)

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Nguyen Van Nu, Santina Bietola, Roberto Tenedora and Grace Fedrigo

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.

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

Reading 5/6 August—The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

July 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

5/6 August —The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Hana Blazevec Cecile McCarron	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John colman John Murphy	Peter Hrast	John deCourcy Julie Elliott	Daniel Thurairatnam	Cate Joseph Christine Kinsella Jenny Roddy	Toby Shi
Sunday 10.00 am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Stephen doyle Sam Safy	David Cook	Annette Hoban Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 5- Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 1- Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

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

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

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.

WELCOME

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES: 7 AUGUST

Liturgical Ministry Courses begin again on Monday 7th August, 2017. For an application form please see your parish office. For more information contact The Office for Worship on 8838-3456 or ivergano@parra.catholic.org.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

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 (10.30am – 4.00pm)

Registrations from 9.00am

Presenter: Mr Geoff Stumbles

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

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9.45am and 10.00am.

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

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: adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

“WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION.”

The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The launch will take place on Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall Westmead. Bishop Vincent and Father Tom Smolich SJ, the newly appointed International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services will be our special guest speakers. All welcome.



“KingsMen” have scheduled their get together this **Tuesday 1st August** at Baulkham hills sports club from 7pm.

Come along and meet like minded fathers of our community and share a meal and drink in a relaxed and casual environment.

For more information please contact Peter or just come along on the night, bring a mate with you for a greater experience. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Peter Elchaar JP—KingsMen - 0408 678 922

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

REMINDER—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.

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, annibergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775

SEMINAR – UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW – TWO SESSIONS

Solo Parent Services are running two sessions for our Annual Seminar on “Understanding Family Law”.

The sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will cover the following topics on the dates below:

Tuesday 08th August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children’s needs.

Tuesday 22nd August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property Settlements.

Venue for both Sessions: 38 Prince St, Blacktown Time: 7pm – 9pm Cost: \$7.00 per session. **Registration**

Essential: Contact Rita at Solo Parent Services - PH: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Please see flyer on Notice board for more details.

NEW CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES LOCATION

58 Orwell Street, Blacktown - this building is part of the St Michael’s Church (now part of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown).

The main switchboard phone line for CatholicCare remains unchanged at (02) 8822 2222.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers—for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and

children's health in Uganda and around the world. Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your Support of this life-giving work of mission. **Freecall: 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.**

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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

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, ROUSE HILL 2017 FAMILY FIESTA: 6 AUGUST

The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill invite you to come along to celebrate our Feast Day on Sunday, August 6th. Commencing with Mass at 11am and a Marian Procession. Festivities commence at 1pm with exciting rides, international foods, market stalls, games and finishing with a spectacular fireworks display at 6pm. 1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville. For all enquiries: Parish Office 8883 4063