

# 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:**  
 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 06 August 2017

YEAR A

*The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD*



### *Gospel Reflection*

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed. The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

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### THANK YOU

Father Ian has returned from his annual vacation and would like to thank all those who filled in whilst he was away. The priests: Fathers Peter Lynch, Jeevan Thangarasa SJ, Brian Lucas and James Duck and particularly Deacon Tony and the Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Acolytes who conducted liturgies in Fr Ian's absence.

### 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.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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



### 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:

Ron Cook,

### 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.

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

**Reading 12/13 August—19th Sunday in O. Time**  
1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**5/6 August —The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Hana Blazevic Cecile McCarron	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Hrast	John deCourcy Julie Elliott	Daniel Thuraiatnam	Cate Joseph Christine Kinsella Jenny Roddy	Toby Shi
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	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

**12/13 August —19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman Christine Kinsella	David Collins	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James Kinsella Camilla Portela Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Peter Elchaar Mark Rea	Peter Bosci	Jamie Hoban Ian McMaster	Kathryn Gaudron	Cheryl Collins Marea Mooney Dianne Vogt	Dominic Wong

**COUNTER Group 6-** Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 2-** Barbara Haddad

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

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

**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.

## EXTRAORDINARY PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 7:30 PM

An invitation is extended to all adult parishioners to attend this evening which will be an opportunity to gather and hear from the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards on the Church's response to the revelations of the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* as well as to share our own reactions to these events and to discuss how we as a parish can also respond. This meeting will take place in the CTK School library from 7:30 to 9:30 PM including light refreshments. Whilst this evening together will be looking at our responses it is not the appropriate forum for individual disclosures of abuse. If you personally have information about abuse that has not been reported please contact the **Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards** on 8838 3419. Anyone with concerns or allegations of a criminal nature are encouraged to report them directly to NSW police through **Crime Stoppers** at 1800 333 000

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This **holy day of obligation** falls on a Tuesday this year, 15<sup>th</sup> August. Mass will be celebrated (with CTK school in attendance) on Tuesday at 9:15 AM. The scheduled evening Mass at 7:30 PM will also celebrate this feast at 7:30 PM. Could parishioners who are lectors, acolytes and special ministers of the Eucharist who plan to be in attendance at that evening mass contact the parish office so they can assist with those ministries on that evening. Both masses will fulfil the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on this feast day of Our Lady **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK** takes place from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of August. It is a week to pray for vocations to the Married, Consecrated, Ordained and Single States of Life. It is also a week to reflect on and celebrate our own vocations. The first Sunday is set aside to pray for vocations to the Single life and Married life. The second Sunday focuses on Ordained life and Consecrated Life.

Throughout this week, communities are encouraged to share about God's call, and the many ways we can respond to it.

## PUTTING RUNGS ON THE LADDER: 23 AUGUST

You're invited to your 'Place at the Table' at our Annual Tri-Diocesan. Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening: Putting Rungs on the Ladder. Join Catholics from Parramatta, Broken Bay, and Sydney Dioceses for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement, 'A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society'. AUGUST 23, 6:30-8:30PM. St Columba's, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt. RSVP August 18. Contact Sr Louise McKeogh [lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au) or 02 8838 3461.

## Sacrament of Baptism



## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Russell, Bosci and D'Amato 's families whose children Caprice Ivy, Jack Thomas and Luca will be baptised next week. We pray for these children and their parents as they prepare for their task of raising their children in the faith of Christ.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES: 7 AUGUST

Liturgical Ministry Courses begin again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)

## 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](mailto:annibergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775

## MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY LAUNCH: 27 AUGUST

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.**

RSVP by phoning the Social Justice Office 02 8838 3461 or letting us know online at: <https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitation-to-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-launch-27-th-august>

## VOCATION WEEKEND WITH THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS: 1-3 SEPTEMBER 2017.

Come for a chance to explore the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated religious life. It's a Live-in weekend retreat for young men (18-35) to aid the discernment of God's call and our response. **Starts 7:30pm Friday** at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and **concludes with 6pm Mass on Sunday**. Cost is **FREE/ optional donation**. There will be **Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice**. If you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. Retreatants **must register** as there are limited spaces available. Website: [capuchinfriars.org.au](http://capuchinfriars.org.au)

## **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>

## **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: **18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at [www.wvme.org.au\\_or](http://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](http://www.camelot2017.com)

## **2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: 8 SEPTEMBER**

2017 Faith in marriage seminar: Men, Women & the Mystery of Love. Presented by Dr Edward Sri at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta on Friday 8th September, 7.30pm sharp. Register: 8838 3460 or [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au). Sponsored by the Life Marriage & Family Office  
Diocese of Parramatta and Parousia Media

## **FREE FAMILY EVENT**

A program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018  
Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World—**Sunday, 27 August 2017 1pm—3.15 pm**  
Mass available 11am BYO Picnic Lunch—Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall—230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa NSW 2745—  
Register: 8838 3460 or [imf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:imf@parra.catholic.org.au)

## **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](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) Please see flyer on Notice board for more details.

## **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)**

Early Bird Registration

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](http://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](mailto: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>

## **LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2018: RISE UP**

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. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or [lbright@mquofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mquofblacktown.org.au) for an information pack.