

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 13 August 2017
 YEAR A
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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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:

Ron Cook, Julia Chehade

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Catherine Evans

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK—SATURDAY 19 AUGUST— 9 AM

The anointing of the Sick is a beautiful sacrament for healing and strength, and brings many important graces. Join us in prayer and commends those who are ill to the suffering and passion of the glorified Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This **holy day of obligation** falls on a Tuesday this year, 15th 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



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

Reading 19/20 August—20th Sunday in O. Time
Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

12/13 August —19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	David Collins	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James Kinsella Camilla Portela Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	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

19/20 August —20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Georgette Rissmiller	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Margaret Noonan Marguerite Wong	Trish Yates	Jennifer Alphonse Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Margaret Coakley Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 7- Tony Clancy– John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 3- Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4— Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 4

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 16TH 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

ALPHA REUNION



Participants of our 2016 and 2017 parish Alpha program are invited to a get-together on **Monday 11 September 7pm-9pm** to share a bite to eat, catch up with friends, and reflect on what we received from the

program. For more information or to RSVP, please email Chris (chris.kinsella44@gmail.com), Rachel (relliottaus@gmail.com) or Tony (tony.hoban@optusnet.com.au). Please RSVP by 4 September - hope to see you there!

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 or 02 8838 3461.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY: 10 SEPTEMBER

The Australian Catholic Church lists Child Protection Sunday for 10 September 2017. The Sunday concludes Child Protection Week celebrated across Australia. As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. The work of safeguarding and protecting minors and other vulnerable people is ongoing and of the highest priority for the Diocese of Parramatta. More information about this topic can be found here: <http://www.safeguarding.org.au/>

Sacrament of Baptism



BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome Sarah and Glenn Sisson as they are preparing for their son's Baptism. We pray for a blessing upon the family as they commit to support their son Jack Robert to walk in the way

of Jesus Christ.

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

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY LAUNCH: 27 AUG



"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 during Migrant and Refugee Week on **Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham St Seven Hills**. Our special guests will be Bishop Vincent and Father Tom Smolich SJ, Jesuit Refugee Services International Director. 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 or 0432 362 052. Retreatants **must register** as there are limited spaces available. Website: capuchinfriars.org.au

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. Sponsored by the Life Marriage & Family Office

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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 lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

ANNUAL ASSUMPTION WALK: 15 AUGUST

The Annual Assumption Walk will again take place on Tuesday, 15 August beginning with a midday Mass at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville). We will begin the walk at 1pm, on the usual route along Windsor Road to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta (approximately 14 km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to come with Marian banners and join us at any point of the walk. Contact the parish office (02 9629-2595) at least one week prior to register.

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@mqqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.

COME AND SEE: 20 AUGUST

An invitation for all single men aged 16 and over, for a Day of Discernment at Holy Spirit Seminary, 31/33 Allen St, Harris Park NSW 2150 on Sunday, 20 August 2017 from 10:00am to 7:00pm. For more information and catering purposes, kindly RSVP Fr John Paul Escarlan (Director of Priestly Vocations) on 0420 310 771 or vocations@parra.catholic.org.au.

GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY - JOY FOR THE WORLD: 27 AUGUST

Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World is a free family event that offers a program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018. To be held on Sunday 27 August from 1pm - 3.15pm. Mass available at 11am and BYO Picnic Lunch. Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. To register: 02 8838 3460 or lmf@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 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.

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 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

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>

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.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419