

# 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 20 August 2017

YEAR A

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Gospel Reflection

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 18th November 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.

Brian Joyce, Veronica Taylor, Craig Pierce

#### 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.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**REMINDER—**The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on **Wednesday, 30 August at 7:30 PM.** A rehearsal meeting will take place this **Wednesday 23 August at 7 PM** for candidates and parents in the parish church.



#### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Sacrament of Baptism



Congratulations to the Giles and Sisson's families for the Baptism of their child this weekend. May your child's baptism be the start of a life filled with blessings.

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

**Reading 26/27 August—21st Sunday in O. Time**  
Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**19/20 August —20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Georgette Rissmiller	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Margaret Noonan Marguerite Wong	Trish Yates	Jennifer Alphonse Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	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

**26/27 August —21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	George Germanos Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	Zeinachacty John De Courcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola John Lacey	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Daniel Thurairatnam	James McMaster Lorraine Murphy Camilla Portela	Toby shi
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Ng	Ken Coorey	Stephen Doyle Ian McMaster	Jamie Hoban	Annette Hoban Dianne Vogt Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban

**COUNTER Group 1–** Ron Ruskin– Eric Olson– Michael NG– Graeme Gardiner

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 4-** Anna Hunt—Barbara Haddad

**PIETY Group 2-** Julie Hook—Sue Quigley—Jill Wulf

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 5–** Mark and Carmela Corazza– Bernadette Ghalloub—Ramona Yammouni– Maria Ellis– Mariana Tomasovic

**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.

## BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY



The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 2-3.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at [csfparra.org.au](http://csfparra.org.au) using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 001691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to [csf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:csf@parra.catholic.org.au) with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January. can send a receipt.

### 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](mailto:chris.kinsella44@gmail.com)), Rachel ([relliottaus@gmail.com](mailto:relliottaus@gmail.com)) phone 0411821027. or Tony ([tony.hoban@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tony.hoban@optusnet.com.au)). Please RSVP by 4 September - hope to see you there!



### CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA BOOK FAIR: 26 AUGUST

The Library at Campion College will be holding a book fair with a large number of second hand books for sale. Subjects include theology, literature, history and philosophy. EFTPOS facilities are available.

Date: Saturday 26th August, 2017, Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm, Venue: Campion College Australia, Address: 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie, NSW 2146, Inquiries: 02 9896 9307 Email: [k.doughty@campion.edu.au](mailto:k.doughty@campion.edu.au)

### REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN: 16 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 16 September, 9.30 am – 3.00 pm, Mt Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Led by Sr Mary Louise Walsh. Cost: \$25, BYO lunch. To register or for more information [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) Or call 4773 8338.

## ACOLYTES AND SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST MEETING

An important update meeting for Parish acolytes and special ministers of the Eucharist (including ministers to the sick) will take place on Tuesday evening after the 7:30 PM Mass beginning at 8 PM on 12 September in CTK Church. It is hoped that as many ministers as possible can attend.

### LITURGY OF LAMENT

On Wednesday night around 20 Parishioners got together to look at how we could respond as a parish to the findings of the Royal Commission into Child Abuse.

As a result of this meeting it has been decided to have a Liturgy of Lament on Thursday night 14 September (to be confirmed) to follow the Sunday set aside by the Church as Child Protection Sunday. It will be held at 7:30 pm in CTK Church

This liturgy will be led by Michael Yates. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer with us as we pray for healing especially in the light of the royal Commission.

### POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE" ANNOUNCED

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to [www.aec.gov.au/enrol/](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/) before the cut-off date of **Thursday, 24 August**. Vote **No**, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

### 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/invitaton-to-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-launch-27-th-august>

### POSITION VACANT

Parish Secretary - St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie. For more information or to apply please visit: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Ian who celebrates his 34th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood this Sunday. Please pray for him and his ordination classmates ministering across dioceses in Australia and in the USA.

## **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

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## **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@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au) for an information pack.

## **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](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au)

## **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/>

## **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)

## **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](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>

## **HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES**

Kirinari, Xavier College, Llandilo Wiyanga, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas are accepting enrolments. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides an inclusive education for students, recognising that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. High support needs classes provide students with an alternate platform that addresses their learning needs. Direct enquiries to Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 0407233622 or [Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au) by Wednesday 30 August 2017.