

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 27 August 2017
YEAR A

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Gospel Reflection

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable. © Dianne Bergant CSS

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>

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

REMINDER—

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on **Wednesday, 30 August at 7:30 PM**. On the weekend of the 2/3 September at all Sunday masses certificates will be presented to the newly confirmed at the masses that families have nominated.



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, Iris Baxter, Rosa Maria Santos, Fran Lewis and Judy Ellard.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dr Garry Pearce (Funeral Mass CTK Church Friday, 1 September 10:30 am) Marie Sherley (mother of Terri Hirschhorn) and Julian Cadman.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Mary Oliver, Francesco and Caterina Rodi, Bill Scally, George Clews, Autel Basha

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

Reading 2/3 September—22nd Sunday in O. Time
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

26/27 August —21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	Zeinachacty John De Courcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola John Lacey	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Daniel Thurairatnam	James McMaster Lorraine Murphy Camilla Portela	Toby shi
Sunday 10.00 am	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

2/3 September—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John colman John Murphy	David Collins	Rhoda Patrick Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James Kinsella Cecilie McCarron Jenny Roddy	Pauline Zhao
Peter Bosci	Peter Elchaar Mark Rea	Peter Bosci	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	David Cook	Marea Mooney Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 2- Keith Henson— John Colman— John Lenehan— George Isaacs

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5- Margaret Isaac—Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 6- Helen Templeman—dawn Muriti— ellen Vaughan— Brian Euhus

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 next 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 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 with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January.

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) phone 0411821027. or Tony (tony.hoban@optusnet.com.au). Please RSVP by 4 September - hope to see you there!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY REGIONAL FESTIVAL MASS

Christ the King Church will be hosting a Hills regional Festival mass for the St Vincent de Paul Society on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

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.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The process of initiation for children into the parish Catholic community of the faithful is celebrated in three sacramental moments: Baptism, first reception of the Eucharist (Holy

Communion) and Confirmation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a prerequisite for First Eucharist (for children in Year 3 and above) and will begin with a Parent Information Evening to be held in our parish church on **Wednesday, 6th September**, commencing at **7.30pm**.

The program will be explained and any questions answered as well as enrolment forms distributed. **All** children (whether they attend Catholic or State schools) in our parish, prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above), First Eucharist (Year 4 and above) and Confirmation (Year 5/6 and above) in a program that is **parish based** (not school based) and **family centred**.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is important for parents/guardians to attend this meeting. Children are not required to attend this initial meeting.

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. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. You can also find more information here:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

Q & A PROGRAMME "LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT MATTERS": 3 SEPTEMBER

Held at The Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, 1.30pm – 3.00pm.

September 3 – "Pluralism: Why can't They be more like me?" Captain Mona Shindy & Rev Peter Kurti;

September 24 – "Social Media – A force for good?" Professor Gerard Goggin & Cecilia Hilder;

October 1 – "Pornography: Who does it harm?" Rev Fr John Baron op; October 22 "Finding the Courage to make a Difference" Fr Frank Brennan sj AO and Alpha Cheng. No need to book. No charge. Further information: website: catalyst-for-renewal.com.au or 02 9990 7003

LITURGY OF LAMENT

As a result of the parish meeting as to the findings of the Royal Commission into Child Abuse it has been decided to have a Liturgy of Lament on Thursday night 14 September 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 and acknowledge our sorrow concerning the neglect of the Church and its leaders.



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/>

CTK AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL BAKE SALE!! 2ND-3RD SEPTEMBER

CTK parish has 11 awesome young people going to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival later this year!

Next weekend, CTK Youth will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds for the ACYF. Please bring some money with you to buy some yummy cakes and food that will support these young people to experience this adventure of community and faith! If you are willing to contribute some baked goods you are very welcome to bring them with you to any of the Masses next weekend. Thank you in advance!!

2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: 8 SEP

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 Diocese of Parramatta and Parousia Media

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All Married couples are invited to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary with other couples and family members at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday, 24th September, 2017. The Very Rev Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate the Mass and will host a light lunch following Mass. Please contact your Parish Secretary to register your names by 18th September, 2017; or call the Life Marriage & Family Office on ph. 8838 3460 or email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 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.



ST PATRICK'S QUARTER

The Diocese of Parramatta is to begin major planning on a new multi-stage project known as St Patrick's Quarter around the St Patrick's Cathedral precinct in Parramatta. The project will consist of a new Parramatta CBD school, new Diocesan building and a new residential/commercial complex. For further information, please visit www.stpatrickquarter.org or email comms@parra.catholic.org.au.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA 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 by Wednesday 30 August 2017.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CCD MASS: FRIDAY 8 SEP

All catechists and family members are invited to the Annual CCD Mass, concelebrated by Bishop Vincent Long and priests of the Diocese at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills on September 8th at 11am. Papal Blessings and other Certificates will be presented after Mass. A light lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Please rsvp your parish coordinator or contact Maree Collis 98904731

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 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>