

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS

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<b>Baptisms</b>	Monthly 2nd & 4th Sun
<b>Weddings:</b>	By Appointment
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Sat 9.30 am & 4.30pm
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b>	Sat 9.30am
<b>Rosary:</b>	Sat 8.30am, Tue 7pm
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	10am Mass-During Term
<b>Parish Services</b>	
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	<b>Weekday Masses:</b>
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 3 September  
2017  
YEAR A  
*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### *Gospel Reflection*

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2017 AND THANK YOU**

Congratulations to the 44 children of our parish that were fully initiated into our community through the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday evening. We thank particularly their parents who have guided them to this point and continue to fulfil their commitment, made at their child's baptism, to bring them up in the practice of faith. This weekend we welcome these children and their families at our Sunday Eucharist and post communion, the recently confirmed, will receive a certificate as a memento of this occasion.

Father Ian would like to thank on behalf of the parish the members of our sacramental team: Diane Campbell, Leslie Bosci, Cate Joseph and Monica Burley who voluntarily gave of their time and energy to coordinate the program so successfully. We extend our thanks also to: those who acted as facilitators and those who offered their homes as places of hospitality; the members of our music Ministry, who assisted our worship with wonderful music; to the catechists in our state schools and to the staff at Christ the King Primary School for supporting the programme.

### **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:**

Judy Ellard ( previous teacher at CTK—Funeral Tuesday at 10.00 am) Dr. Garry Pearce, Emelia Pignatelli (Maria Bietola's mother), Marie Sherley (mother of Terri Hirschhorn), Julian Cadman, John Gallagher and George Shoken.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

George Clews, Autel Basha, Francisco and Caterina Rodi, Mary Oliver, and Nguyen Van Wu

### **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

**2/3 September —22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John colman John Murphy	David Collins	Rhoda Patrick Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James Kinsella Cecilie McCarron Jenny Roddy	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	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—Ellen Vaughan— Estela Li— Myrna Santiago- Brian Euhus

**9/10 September—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Rob Haddad Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Sue DeCourcy	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Jui-May lee anne-Marie Makin	Mike Yates
<b>Peter Bosci</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey	Jennifer Alphonse Stephen Doyle	Kathryn Gaudron	Margaret Coakley Jamie Hoban Leila Safy	Julia Hoban

**COUNTER Group 3—** Sam Bietola, Ken Abood, Roger Brewer, Cass Joyce

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6-** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

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

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 1—** Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 1

**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



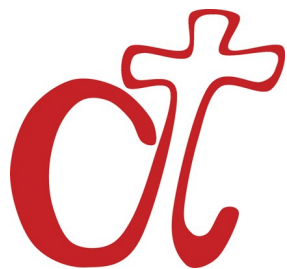
The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000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

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## JESUIT MISSION INDIAN BAZAAR: 9 SEPTEMBER



Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's Indian Bazaar on Saturday 9 September 2017, 9am-5pm at St Ignatius' College, Riverview. The annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission's work in over 10 countries, empowering the most vulnerable

people to transform their lives and build brighter futures.

## REFLECTION MORNING AT THE GRAIL

["The Grace in Dying: How We Are Transformed Spiritually as We Die"](#) **6 October**- What dying teaches us about the spiritual journey. The psychospiritual stages of dying - from chaos to transcendence

**27 October**- The journey to ego – how we develop into adults. The path of return – dying to self

**24 November**- The path of transformation.

We will be hosting each of these reflection mornings at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney, on **Fridays from 10 am to 12 noon**. The Grail Centre is well served by public transport (bus and train) and 2-hour parking is available in McHatton Street from 9:30 am.

For more info or to register, please contact Patricia Gemmell ([pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au)) or the Grail Centre on 9955 3053.



**"KingsMen"** have scheduled the next gathering this **TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER @ 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

### **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/>

### **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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017; or call the Life Marriage & Family Office on ph. 8838 3460 or email [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto: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**. The College is now enrolling for 2019..

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://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.

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING**

Children who have received their First Holy Communion and wish to train to be Altar Servers (boys and girls) and are prepared to commit to this ministry for at least one year, please contact the Parish Office with your details (including email address) by Friday, 9 September and you and your parents will be contacted shortly. The parish email address is: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone 9871 8710. A three-week training course will begin on Thursday, 14 September starting at 3:30 PM and run for approximately an hour in Christ the King Church.

### **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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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 info and volunteer registration visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>