

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

Parish Priest:	Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Deacon :	Rev. Tony Hoban
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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
Parish Address:	
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SUNDAY 10 September
2017
YEAR A
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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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, Iris Baxter, Rosa Maria Santos, Fran Lewis and Sr. Dymphna (Holy Faith Nun)

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tessie Cording, Judy Ellard, Emelia Pignatelli, John Gallagher, 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.

LITURGY OF LAMENT— CTK—14 SEPTEMBER—7.30 PM



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 this Thursday night 14 September. 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.

This Sunday is set aside by the Church as Child Protection Sunday.

Reading 9/10 September– 23rd Sunday in O. Time
Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Reading 16/17–24th Sunday in O. Time
Sirach 27:30–28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

9/10 September –23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Rob Haddad Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Sue DeCourcy	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Jui-May lee anne-Marie Makin	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	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

16/17 September—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys George Germanos	Jose Jilesh	Dawn Peat George Rissmiller	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Gerianne Sadaya	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	John Colman	Julie Elliott Marguerite Wong	Daniel Thuraiatnam	Cecilie McCarron James McMaster Lorraine Murphy	Toby Shi
Peter Bosci	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Jamie Hoban	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Camilla Portela Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 4- Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 7- Ada Cheung

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 2- Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul cook, Marlene Galea

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.

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/>

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY



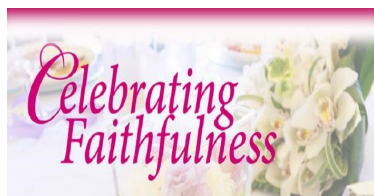
The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise

\$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. Special envelopes are still available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Place your donation on either collection at Mass or in the Parish locked box. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. 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.

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2017

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 and above) is a prerequisite for First Eucharist. For those families who missed the meeting last Wednesday evening, enrolment forms for the preparation program are available in the church foyer or at the parish office. These must be returned **by Wednesday 13 September** to the parish office or in the Parish Communications box in the church foyer.

Next weekend at all masses we will formally welcome these candidates and their families and they will present their enrolment cards found in their enrolment package.

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. The parish email address is:



northrocks@parracatholic.org or phone 9871 8710. A three-week training course will begin **this Thursday, 14 September starting at 3:30 PM** and run for approximately an hour in Christ the King Church. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer.

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 this **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.

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.stpatricksqarter.org or Email comms@parra.catholic.org.au.

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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: JANUARY 2018

Fr John McSweeney from St John XXIII Catholic Parish Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens will be leading a 15-day Holy Land pilgrimage (with three day optional extension in Petra, Jordan). Cost, details and further information through Harvest Journeys under tour code: 8PV03. P: 02 9390 5460, E: info@harvestjourneys.com or visit harvestjourneys.com.

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) or the Grail Centre on 9955 3053.

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 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 info and volunteer registration visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

Q & A PROGRAMME "LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT MATTERS": 1 OCTOBER

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

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 info: website: catalyst-for-renewal.com.au Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au or 02 9990 7003

DISCERNMENT TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: 24 SEPTEMBER

Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. This is the fourth session of the 2017 program. Subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Venue: St Anthony of Padua Parish, 27-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, NSW 2146. 24 September. Time: 2:30 to 5 pm (including Mass and fellowship).

For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/> or please contact any of the following deacons:

Deacon James - deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Deacon Tan - deacontan@john23rd.org.au/0407270782

Deacon George - g.bryan1@bigpond.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 24 SEPTEMBER

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

TIME FOR US WEEKEND FOR FAMILIES: 30 SEPT-2 OCT

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

SINGLE LIFE VOCATION RETREAT: 15-17 SEPTEMBER

A Retreat for Women at Mt Schoenstatt who would like to find out more about the Vocation to Single Life. The weekend will provide an opportunity to meet Women who are living the Single Life vocation and learn about how this vocation is lived and fostered. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie

Brcar : juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

MARTIN LUTHER – THE MAN AND HIS MUSIC: 21 SEP

A concert commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be held at St. Finbar's Church, Glenbrook on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.30pm. Sing and learn about some of the great hymns composed by Martin Luther and other Reformation hymn writers. Performances by the Blue Mountains Chorale with Robert Ampt (Organist, Martin Luther Church, Sydney). Suggested donation: \$20, \$10 concession. Enquiries 4754 1780

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 Or call 4773 8338.