

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

Parish Priest:	Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Deacon :	Rev. Tony Hoban
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Youth Coordinator:	Bradley Vergano Mob: 0434 938 312
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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 17 September
2017
YEAR A
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gospel Reflection

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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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 and Fran Lewis

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr. Dymphna O'Brien (Holy Faith Sister), Fr. Simon Aloisi osb, Tessie Cording, 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2017



This weekend at all masses we will formally welcome candidates who will enrol in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Programme (and their families) and they will present their enrolment cards found in their enrolment package. **Next weekend** we will invite parishioners to take this card home and pray for the candidate and their families during this time of preparation.

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

Reading 23/24—25th Sunday in O. Time

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
Sunday 10.00 am	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

23/24 September—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Peter Blyth John Lacey	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John colman Christine Kinsella	David Collins	Bev Johnson Dexter Tabeta	Jo-anne Castaneda	Annette Hoban James Kinsella Jui-May Lee	Pauline Zhao
Peter Bosci	Michael Ng Mark Rea	Peter Hrast	Julia Hoban Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban	Diane Campbell Lisa Hoban Marea Mooney	Julia Hoban

COUNTER Group 5- Noel White– Joe Vitetta– John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 8- Reyna Mendes—Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3- Clarry Barbera—Chris and Beverley Poole—Leo and Elizabeth Bautista—Ken Coorey

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.

THANK YOU—MESSAGE

On behalf of Catholic Mission, thank you to all those parishioners who gave so generously. The amount of **\$4368.60** raised will support many people in developing countries and enable them to have a hope-filled future.

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

SHRINE TIME FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35: 24 SEPTEMBER

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering. Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

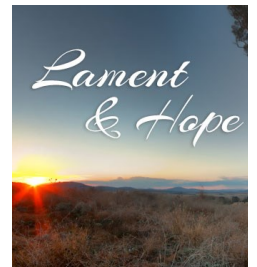


COORDINATORS

At Wednesday's CTK Parish Council meeting it was decided to press ahead with the prospect of holding a Spring Fair in 2018. For this school and parish event to take place, we require one co-ordinator from the school community and one from the wider parish community. We are also seeking volunteers to take on various committee roles over the next 12 months to assist our co-ordinators in bringing this event to reality. This is a major undertaking that requires the support of both the school and parish communities, working together, raising funds for both the school and parish for major maintenance and improvement projects that will benefit our CTK students and parishioners. If you are interested in taking on the co-ordinators role or a spot on the organising committee or require more details about the roles, please contact the Parish Office northrocks@parracatholic.org. It is important that we have these Fair Co-ordinators established by the 1st November so that the initial planning for next year's fair can commence. We look forward to hearing from any interested parties.

LITURGY OF LAMENT

Many thanks to all who attended this moving and significant liturgy in our parish marking our remorse as a Church for the abuse of children. Special thanks to Mike Yates and Marianne Dwyer for the coordination and leadership of this extraordinary event.



JOIN ONE OF OUR FAITHCIRCLE GROUPS

During October and November, parishioners will gather each week for a type of Bible study with a difference. We will look at the Gospel for the coming Sunday along with two reflections, including one from Pope Francis. There will be time for discussion and prayer. No cost involved. Come along and connect with others from our Parish community in a deeper way. At this stage, groups will be held on Monday and Wednesday night but other nights can be added if there is enough interest. To get involved email Deacon Tony with your preferred night and we'll match you up with a group: tony.hoban@optusnet.com.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@mqofblacktown.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.

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

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.

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 (pjgammell@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>

ACYF BAKE SALE - FINAL FUNDRAISING AMOUNT!

A huge thank you to all parishioners at Christ the King for supporting the youth in helping us get to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival by helping out/ buying food at our bake sale two weeks ago.

The final fundraising amount came to a total of **\$1,251.35!**

A huge sum which has helped us very much.

Thank you to those who baked for us, those who gave generous donations, those who ate the scrumptious goodies and most of all of you for your continual prayers and intercession. Stay tuned for more information regarding our ACYF journey! God Bless!
Brad Vergano

BAPTISM—WELCOME

We welcome the Jackson's family who are preparing next week for the Baptism of their son Cooper Williams into our community and support the family by our prayer as they prepare for their son's baptism and walk together in the way of Christ.

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

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.

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

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE: 22 SEPTEMBER

“Violence gives rise to religion: And why popular culture has this back to front...” with Dr James Alison, Friday 22nd September, 6.30-8pm, St Paul's College, University of Sydney, 9 City Road, Camperdown. Abstract: Much popular culture and academic literature identifies religion as the cause of violence. In contrast, what if the opposite is the case: that violence gives rise to religion? James Alison will show that religion is actually an answer to the problem of human violence, which develops as a fundamental issue in human evolution and hominization. Biographical information: Dr. James Alison is an internationally acclaimed Catholic theologian, and author of numerous books, including *The Joy of Being Wrong*, *Raising Abel*, *Knowing Jesus*, *Faith Beyond Resentment*, *Undergoing God*, and *Jesus the Forgiving Victim*. For more information, please go to: <http://jamesalison.co.uk/>