

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

Parish Priest:	Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
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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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24 September 2017
25 Sun Ord Time YEAR A
Social Justice Sunday



Gospel Reflection

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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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, Jenn-Shin Lee

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

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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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY TODAY 24 SEPTEMBER



The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Social Justice Sunday this Sunday. 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.

Reading 23/24 September– 25th Sunday in O. Time
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Reading 30 Sep/ 1 Oct—26th Sunday in O. Time
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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
Sunday 10.00 am	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

30 Sep/ 1 Oct—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Aubon Fernando	Sue Veling Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Ilana Blazevic Rhoda Patrick	Daniel Thuraiatnam	Cheryl Collins Jenny Roddy Rosemary Wickham	Toby Shi
Peter Bosci	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardner	Ken Coorey	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Diane Campbell Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 6– Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 9– Leni Adan, Maria Luisa Sadaya, Gerianne Sadaya

PIETY Group 3– Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4– Connie Este & CTK School Mums Group 4

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



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.

DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4 November at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. The conference, 'Liturgy: The Living Presence of Christ' is an excellent opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and explore the Presence of Christ in Liturgy. Day includes Keynote Speaker and various workshops including: Music and copyright, Bringing Christ to the Sick, Scripture and the Season of Advent, Sacraments of Initiation – a Field Perspective., organising a Mass-Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. For more information go to: parracatholic.org/ofw or Office for Worship ivergano@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 on 0407233622/
Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au.

DAYLIGHT SAVING



Daylight saving will begin on Sunday, 1st October when clocks go forward one hour at 2am. Remember to adjust your clock the evening before you go to bed so that you are not an hour late for mass on Sunday morning.

BAPTISM—CONGRATULATION

Congratulations to the Jackson's family on the baptism of their son Cooper Williams today. We pray God's hand will guide you throughout your future years and keep you faithful in His ways.



FATHER IAN AWAY ON DIOCESAN ANNUAL RETREAT

Father Ian will be away on the Annual Diocesan retreat which starts Sunday evening, October 15 and finishes on Friday, 20 October. During his absence there will be no 7 PM Mass on Tuesday evening 17 October and Communion services will be held on Wednesday to Friday mornings instead of Mass.

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

2017 DIOCESAN MASS COUNT OF ATTENDANCE



The second weekend in October, will see the commencement of the national count of attendance. The count was first held in 2001. This will be the fifth time that the

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) has conducted the count at a national level.

The count consists of a simple headcount of all attenders of all ages in all parishes and other Mass centres throughout Australia over **four weekends**. The count will only be conducted at the Sunday mass or the Saturday evening. The information collected, is to determine the decline or increase in Mass attendance in comparison to the individual registered parishioners and work out the average growth in both revenue and expenses for future planning. We appreciate your patience and assistance while the counters are moving between the aisles for counting.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2017



This weekend at all masses we invite parishioners to pray for the children preparing for Reconciliation by taking a card home and remember the candidate and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

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>

SHRINE TIME FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35: 22 OCT

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.

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.

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.

HSC YOUTH MASS - 10AM, 15TH OCTOBER 2017

Our annual HSC Youth Mass is on again, celebrating and praying for our year 12 students, and those throughout NSW, who are beginning their HSC examinations on the 16th October. To show our support and solidarity, we invite all parishioners to wear their year 12 jerseys from their graduating year (if you have them!).

Please feel welcome to invite any year 12 students you may know to the Mass.

CAMPION COLLEGE COME AND SEE DAY: 4 OCTOBER

Campion College Come and See Day on Wednesday 4 October, midday to 4:30pm. Includes: guided tours; attend lectures; learn about the College. Registration is essential and closes on 29 September. Visit www.campion.edu.au/comeandsee for program details and registration

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION AND IDENTITY SYMPOSIUM: 18 OCTOBER

BBI is hosting an exciting and ground-breaking event that will bring together respected and dynamic leaders in Catholic education, along with esteemed Bishops and mission identity thought leaders. The purpose of the symposium is to engage Australian educational leaders in the most essential issue in Catholic education: honouring the call to prophetic leadership for the 21st century. For more details please visit: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au

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

