

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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29 October 2017
30th Sunday in
Ord. Time
YEAR A



Gospel Reflection

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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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, Jenn-Shin Lee and Anne Jefree.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mgr John Francis Lyne (former P.P. Eastwood funeral Monday 30 Oct 10:30 am at St. Kevin's, Eastwood)

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Katie Saad, Nguyen Van Wu , George Francis Youakim, Fillippo & Filomena Rodi and Ted Taylor.

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

ALL SOULS : 2 NOVEMBER

On Thursday evening, **2 November, at 7.30pm**

Mass will be celebrated for all our loved ones who have died, particularly those who have died in the past 12 months and to pray for those experiencing loss and bereavement.

St Ambrose (d. 397) preached, **"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."** For this reason, parishioners are invited to put the names of your deceased loved ones on the card provided on the table at the right side of the sanctuary and place their memorial card on the board set aside as a memorial wall during November. The daily Mass will be held for their intentions. Envelopes are available to commemorate the memory of your loved one, at mass and their name will be placed in the Memorial book during November.



ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

Mass will be celebrated on the feast of all Saints Wednesday, 1 November at 9 AM. Christ the King school be in attendance. On the following day, Thursday, 2 November two masses will be celebrated to remember the faithful departed at 9 AM and 7:30 PM. The latter mass being a special liturgy for those who have passed away in our parish community over the past 12 months.

Reading 28/29 Oct—30th Sunday in Ord. Time

Ex 22:20-26; 1Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Reading 4/5 November— 31st Sunday in Ord. Time

Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

28/29 OCT —30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Ken Coorey	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Daniel Thurairatnam	Cheryl Collins Gerianne Sadaya Rosemary Wickham	Toby Shi
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Jamie Hoban	Jennifer Alphonse Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

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

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 4— Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

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

4/5 Nov—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Aubon Fernando	Zeina Chacty Dawn Peat	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	John Colman	Margaret Noonan Marguerite Wong	Kathryn Gaudron	Cate Joseph Anne-Marie Makin Cecilie McCarron	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael NG	Peter Bosci	Hana Blazevic Jamie Hoban	David Cook	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Leila Safy	Carla Manasan Darren So

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

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5- Margaret Isaac, 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.

WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACH ABOUT MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES?



The right to seek asylum

The Catholic Church teaches that anyone whose life is threatened has the right to protection. Whether because

of persecution, armed conflicts, natural disasters, or economic conditions that threaten their lives or physical integrity. It is the element of persecution, threat or danger, or being forcibly displaced that gives rise to a right to seek asylum rather than to migrate through ordinary channels.

Love your neighbour as yourself
(Matthew 22:39)

3. The difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee

An asylum seeker is someone who is seeking international protection but whose claim for refugee status has not yet been determined. A refugee is someone who has been recognised under the international 1951 Convention to be a refugee.

THE RIGHT TO BE PART OF A COMMUNITY

The Catholic Church teaches that all people have the right to be part of a community. Asylum seekers who have been forced from their homeland have a duty to integrate into the host community. We must favour this integration by helping migrants to find a place where they can live in peace and safety, where they can work and take on the rights and duties that exist in the country that welcomes them.

*Just as you did it to one of the least
of these who are members of my family,
you did it to me*



(Matthew 25:40)

10 Essential Facts about People seeking asylum **Boat people are not 'queue jumpers'**

There is no queue for asylum seekers to join (it is more like a lottery). Less than 1% of the world's refugees are resettled by the UNHCR in any given year and less than 20% of refugees are registered with the UNHRC in order to be resettled.

TABLE TALK @ CTK.

We are opening the registration for the Table Talk session with an Asylum Seeker scheduled for Nov 12 from 3pm here at Christ the King. We encourage everyone to join and have an opportunity to know more about the topic, to share the experience and interact with an asylum seeker. Please provide your details on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or send us an email at ctksocius@gmail.com with your details.

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

As from this coming **Monday (29 October)** the parish office will be open with the Secretary in attendance from Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM and on Fridays from 9 AM to 5 PM

OUR INAUGURAL CHRIST THE KING PARISH

"Ministry Gathering" will be held
on Wednesday 22nd November
in the Mary MacKillop Hall
7pm gathering for a 7.30pm start.

The goals of the meeting are:

- To welcome and enhance connections amongst our parishioners
 - To contribute to the growth of our parish
 - To affirm our ministers and to ensure everyone is engaged
 - To seek insights into our parish vision
- RSVP to Nadine in the Parish Office
on 9871 8710
or northrocks@parracatholic.org
by Tuesday 7th November.



Anyone who would like to assist in this enormous fund raising project for the Parish and School can contact the Parish Office via email northrocks@parracatholic.org

CAN YOU HELP? PARISH WORKING BEE



On Sunday, 5 November after the 10 AM Mass (approximately 11 AM) assistance is required from able-bodied people to transfer chairs, tables, kitchen crockery etcetera from the shipping container back into the parish hall. Prior to

returning the chairs they will have to be checked and cleaned and new caps placed on them so that they don't scratch the hall floor in the future. In addition, accumulated rubbish will have to be disposed of appropriately. This is an important and necessary task if we are to have the Hall ready for the feast of Christ the King. As the adage says, "many hands make light work".

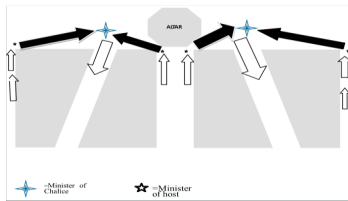
DIOCESAN APPOINTMENT

The Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv has made the following appointment: Rev Mr Anthony Hoban as Pastoral Director of the Parochial District of St Luke's, Marsden Park from 1 January 2018 for a term of three years.

MASS IN THE AFRICAN TRADITION: 5 NOVEMBER

Join us as we celebrate Mass in the African tradition. Very Rev Peter G Williams will celebrate Mass at 2.00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Contact Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION DURING MASS



After meetings with the Acolytes and Special ministers and the Liturgy committee, which noted sometimes the

congestion around where the ministers distributed the cup sometimes deterred people from receiving the Blood of Christ, it was decided to trial a different route for reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. This new process involves people sitting in the far quadrants of the church pews (not the middle quadrants). They will be asked to process to the outer aisle (on the window sides) and walk towards the sanctuary receiving the Body of Christ from the minister then proceeding to the middle aisles and if they so wish to receive the Blood of Christ from the minister positioned at that point and then return to their seats via that aisle. **We have begun this trial** and a visual diagram will be placed on the overhead TVs to remind us of this new process. We will evaluate it after a month to see if it facilitates easier distribution.

ST PATRICK'S BUSINESS COLLEGE (INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION) INFORMATION SESSION

Places are filling fast in our 2018 Diplomas of Business and Business Administration. These 40-week courses are ideal for Year 10, 11 or 12 school leavers and provide a real pathway to a career and university. We also assist well over 90% of our graduates to find well-paid jobs in top tier firms in Sydney.

Our next Information Session focusing on giving students and their parents an insight into the 'St Patrick's Pathway to Success' will be held **at 11 am on Sunday, 12 November** at our Sydney CBD premises on Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT: 3-5 NOV

This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Confidential inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: DEANERY & DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please visit www.parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) 7th-9th December

Christ the King has a huge number of youth and young adults attending this spectacular event later this year! Please pray for our group as we prepare for this experience and pray that all who attend the festival experience a deep and authentic encounter with Christ.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 30 and interested in attending the event with us, it's not too late! You are able to register as an individual adult by typing in the following link and clicking 'Register' -- <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/> Please call or text Brad on 0434 938 312 for more details.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 24-26 NOVEMBER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! Weekend date: 24th -26th November, at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY: 3 DECEMBER

The International Day of People with Disability is observed annually on 3 December. In Australia, over many years, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ. We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated; for then we can truly proclaim that we are 'one Body in Christ'.

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: [In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.](#)

Dates/Times: [Friday November 3rd 2017](#) (operating from [8:00am to 1:00pm](#)) and [Saturday November 4th 2017](#) (also operating from [8:00am to 1:00pm](#))

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Christmas, Clothing, Electrical, Furniture, Manchester, Plants, Toys, White Elephant, Jewellery, Fine Art and China. We will also be providing refreshments (tea, coffee and cake) during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

Due to current roadworks in the area, **parking** will be **PROHIBITED** on **both sides** of **Showground Road**. Parking on the north side of Showground Road will be possible in Kentwell Avenue, Worthing Avenue or Castle Street, whilst on the south side parking will be possible in Cheriton Avenue or Cecil Avenue.