

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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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:
 6.00pm Saturday
 8.00 am Sunday
 10.00 am Sunday
Weekday Masses:
 Tuesday 7.30 pm
 Wednesday 9.00 am
 Thursday 9.00 am
 Friday 9.15 am
 Saturday 9.00 am
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17 December 2017
**THIRD SUNDAY
 OF ADVENT
 YEAR B**



Gospel Reflection

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete* Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.

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ADVENT WREATH

Today is known traditionally as *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday, marking the half-way point through the Sundays of Advent. (This year it's closer to two-thirds of the way through the season.) Rose (Pink) vestments may be used today, and the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit today. This week we light the Third Candle – the Rose one which symbolizes JOY. It reminds us of the great LIGHT and JOY which surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus' birth. It is a flame of JOY, as we recall with gratitude what God has given.



The first and second readings today proclaim a message of joy. The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels." St. Paul commands us to "rejoice always."

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This Tuesday (19th) from 5-9 pm at North Rocks Park (cnr of Farnell Ave & North Rocks Rd) Come and join the local community with your family. Carol singing from 7:30pm



ANointing OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 17th February 2018 at 9am Mass.**

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK : Afifi Elchaar, Helen Hughes, Doreen Ulbrick, Melissa Sahin, Robert Conlon, Fred Taouk, Stuart Grayson, Simon Khoury, Stan Burgin, Iris Baxter, Rosa Maria Santos, Fran Lewis, Jenn-Shin Lee and Mary Magill

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Betty McLaren, Jan Reynolds

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Amkich Trsoglavic, Mary Ribbons, Autel Basha, John Doyle, Doreen Davison, Kevin Gately and Neil O'Hara.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL SOULS INCLUDING DEPARTED RELATIVES, FRIENDS IN OUR PRAYERS.

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 16/17 December 2017
Third Sunday of ADVENT—CYCLE B
Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Reading 23/24 December 2017
Fourth Sunday of ADVENT—CYCLE B
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27

16/17 December—Third Sunday of ADVENT

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Thea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins James McMaster Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	Jose Jilesh	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Lisa Hoban Jenny Roddy Leila Safy	Carla Manasan Darren So

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

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 2— Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3— Clarry Barbera, Chris and Beverly Poole, Leo and Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

23– 25 December— Fourth Sunday of ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 23rd 6.00 pm Fourth Sunday of Advent	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Jamie Hoban	John DeCourcy Rob Haddad	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola John Lacey	Dorothea Price
Sunday 24th 8.00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
Sunday 24th 10.00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov Rosemary Wickham	Dominic Wong
Sunday 24th 6.00 pm Christmas Vigil Children's Mass	Sam Bietola Graeme Gardner	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller Gerard Sadaya	David Cook	Ilana Blazevic Nesli Nuguid Rosemary Wickham	Darren So
Sunday 24th 9.00 pm Christmas Vigil Youth Mass	Michael Nasr Brad Vergano	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Dawn Peat	Jamie Hoban	Jennifer Alphonse Margaret Coakley sue DeCourcy	Julia Hoban
Monday 25th 8.00 am Christmas Mass	Chris Brown	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins annette Hoban Lilia Nuguid	Mike Yates
Monday 25th 10.00 am Christmas Mass	Ken Boys	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy sue Veling	Kathryn Gaudron	Peter Blyth Frank Lah Cecilie McCarron	Dominic Wong

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

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 3— Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4— Connie Este and CTK School Mums group 1

RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT CTK

Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve- 6.00 pm	Children's Mass
Christmas Eve- 9.00 pm	Youth Mass
Christmas Day Masses-	8.00 am and 10.00 am

RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT:

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION at North Rocks:

Saturday 16 December

9:30-10am, 4:30-5pm

Saturday 23 December

9:30-10am, 3:30-4:30 pm

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday 18 December at St. Michael's Church, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 20 December at St. Bernadette's Church, 367 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill at 7:30 pm

Thursday 21 December at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Diana Ave, Kellyville at 7:30 pm

YEAR OF YOUTH

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2018**

This weekend launches the Year of Youth for the Australian Catholic Church. A time to refocus our faith communities on walking with young people in their midst and for young people to answer Pope Francis' call to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'. The Year of Youth

invites the church into dialogue about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement that reconnects and renews this generation of young people in the life of the Church ten years on since World Youth Day in Sydney. Please pray for the 19,000 young people from across Australia and the 2,500 from the Diocese of Parramatta sharing their faith at Olympic Park these last few days for the triennial Australian Catholic Youth Festival. For more information contact James Camden at Catholic Youth Parramatta (02) 8838 3428.

CTK LIGHT YOUTH GROUP - SOME UPDATES!

ACYF | Friday 8th December | NO YOUTH GROUP

Due to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival taking place, there will unfortunately be no scheduled youth group for Friday 8th December. However, we will celebrate the end of the year with...

CTK Christmas Party | Friday 15th Dec | 7pm -

8:30pm | Mary MacKillop Hall

CTK Light's annual Christmas Party is back and bigger than ever in our new parish hall! Great food, Christmas games and festivities await! See you there! For Years 5-12.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOMELESS NEEDED

The Order of Malta requires volunteers to visit 'homeless hotspots' around Parramatta. Volunteer drivers, nurses and paramedics are needed to provide this service to Parramatta's homeless. If you would like to learn more, please email info@smom.org.au

CHRISTMAS 2017

Mass Times

Christmas Mass and
Reconciliation times
across Western

Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by

VISITING: WWW.PARRACATHOLIC.ORG

CHRISTMAS FLYER



Parishioners, Please take a Christmas flyer advertising our Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times — available at the back of the church to distribute to your neighbours, friends and relatives and invite them to celebrate with

us the Nativity of our Lord.

POSITIONS VACANT

Youth Minister — St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill.



More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

2018 CTK SPRING FAIR

We are very excited to announce that our next CTK Spring Fair will take place on **Saturday, September 15, 2018!**

Last week 20 enthusiastic members of our CTK community joined together to share ideas and form teams to help with the organisation of the Spring Fair.



FR. BURTON

Rosary village where Fr. Eric is living has requested when visitors bring food into the village it must be in sealed containers. There is a Book to record what you bring and you are asked to check with the STAFF regarding FOOD. Small quantities are best.

ST MICHAELS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



THIS CHRISTMAS MORNING.....

If you are a single person, a couple, or a family, you are warmly invited to share a Christmas Brunch with our St Michaels Community.

We would love to share Christmas with you!

Equally, if you know anyone who even *might* be spending Christmas by themselves, bring them along, and we'll celebrate together.

A delicious brunch will be served at 11am on Christmas Day, 25th December, in the St. Michael's Old Church at Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills.

Transport can be arranged, just let us know when you RSVP if you would like a pick up or to be dropped off.

Please RSVP to David Dowling at

david.dowling@raywhite.com or on 0421 051029 .

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY VIGIL: 30 DECEMBER

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite families and youth (aged 18-35) to join us for a Celebration Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family on Saturday 30 December at 2:30 pm. Pizza from 5:30pm. 116-132 Quakers Road, 2148 Marayong NSW. Please RSVP to Sr Paula by 28 December on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406

MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: 28 DECEMBER

The principal celebrant for the Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be Fr Benedict La Volpe OFM Conv. Mass at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville, followed by a rosary procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. A luncheon will be provided – please bring a plate to share. Inquiries (02) 9629 2595

CATECHISTS—SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

We are looking for volunteers from North Rocks Parish to teach Scripture at North Rocks public on Tuesday mornings and Carlingford West Public School on Wednesday mornings. The volunteers are required either to teach classes or assist with teaching classes in 2018. If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding Ministry or would like some further information, please contact Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332 or Cate Joseph on 0409 397 888

PARISH BBQ THIS SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

You're Invited to a



You are invited to our Christmas BBQ **after the 10 am Mass today**. An easy way to wrap up the year! Please join us and celebrate with the students, teachers and Parish community and farewell end of 2017 with a sausage sizzle and fun. **YOU CAN'T MISS THIS LAST ONE FOR 2017.**

Peter Elchaar—PPC Chairman

COMMUNITY WHEELS INC.

Community Wheels is your local community organisation that provides door-to-door transport services to eligible people (+65 years old etc) to:

- Attend medical appointments
- Go shopping (including assisting clients with their shopping bags)
- Meet a friend for a chat or coffee, and
- Go on bus tours etc.

For further information please call **88681400**

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will shortly release its final findings on public hearings, and its recommendations, related to the Catholic Church in Australia. The Diocese of Parramatta once again offers its unreserved and deepest apologies to those many people who have suffered because of the child sexual abuse that has occurred in the context of Church ministry. In particular, the Diocese of Parramatta apologises to survivors of abuse and their families for the hurt and suffering this abuse has caused throughout their lives. During the Royal Commission, the Diocese of Parramatta has strived to engage in their processes with openness, transparency and a commitment to learning about our history so that our child protection policies and procedures are strengthened and there is restored confidence in Church ministry. The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au. For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website: www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539.