

# 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  
 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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**31 December 2017**  
*The Holy Family*  
*of Jesus, Mary*  
*and Joseph*  
**YEAR B**



### Gospel Reflection

In an era when so much talk is devoted to the discussion of family values, the readings for this feast offer significant challenge. Those who believe in Christ, while still adhering to certain cultural codes of conduct, are asked to consider new and ever more balanced ways of relating. In view of their lives as Christians, parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters must all be embraced as equal members of the household of God. While it is important that children of all ages honour their parents, the caring relationship of adult children for aging parents is vital in a time of mobility, nursing homes, and the lack of extended families. From God's perspective, loving care of aged members is non-negotiable. It is a family virtue that is to be kept sacred.

Wisdom comes with time and experience. Such wisdom is a source of blessing, for it provides insight and a perspective that allows the community to know the mystery and the presence of God. When the wisdom of the elderly is respected, the young are enriched by the stories of the past. Wisdom figures can point the community to places where God is working and where the divine can be found. It is their respect for tradition that allows the elderly to speak the prophetic words that can change the course of the future and inspire noble deeds of courage in the face of great pain. In reverencing the elderly and their wisdom, the community of believers receive Christ.

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#### 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:

Fr. Brian Rooney (Funeral Tue 2 January at 11.00am St Michael's Church Baulkham Hills) and Fran Lewis (Funeral at CTK- Tue 2 January at 1.30pm), Tim Perry and Gerald Gleeson AC.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Annie Scanlan, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu and John and Maree George, and Craig Pierce.

#### 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.

#### FATHER IAN AWAY

There will be **no Mass** this coming **Tuesday (2 January) at 7:30 PM** due to the fact that Fr Ian will be attending Father Brian Rooney's funeral at 11 AM at St Michael's Baulkham Hills and presiding at Fran Lewis's funeral at Christ the King, North Rocks at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, 2 January 2018. Parishioners are welcome to attend this Funeral Mass of our much beloved parishioner. Father Ian will also be away from the parish from Wednesday the 3rd to Friday, 5 January. On these days Graham Lum will conduct Communion services (on Wednesday and Thursday at 9 AM and on Friday at 9:15 AM).

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY

There will be **no Mass** at Christ the King on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. Parishioners wishing to attend Mass on these days are welcome to attend Mass at St Monica's, Cnr Church St & North Rocks Rd, North Parramatta which will be held on New Year's Eve at 6 PM and on New Year's Day at 9 AM



**Reading 30/31 December 2017**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—CYCLE B**

**Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19,**

**Reading 6/7 January 2018**

**The Epiphany of the LORD—CYCLE B**

**Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12**

**30/31 December—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Computer Operator</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Musician</b>
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Keith Henson	Gerard Sadaya Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John colman John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Annette Hoban Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy	Toby Shi
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	David Collins	Stephen Doyle Ian McMaster	Jamie Hoban	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Lisa Hoban	Julia Hoban

**COUNTER Group 5—** Noel white Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 4—** Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY Group 4—** Lena Henson, Dawn Muri

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 5—** Mark & Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, M. Tomasovic

**6/7 January— The Epiphany of the LORD**

	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Computer Operator</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Musician</b>
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	Dexter Tabeta Sue Veling	Jeremy Thaman	Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Jenny Roddy Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Sam Safy	David Cook	Lelia Safy Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Julia Hoban

**COUNTER Group 6—** Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5—** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 6—** Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

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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.—

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**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.