

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
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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18 February 2018
First Sunday of
LENT
YEAR B



Gospel Reflection

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

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With Catholics throughout the world, on Ash Wednesday we began a forty-day retreat. We will spend our forty days praying, fasting, and giving alms—disciplining ourselves so that we might grow in holiness. No doubt we too will be faced with

temptation, but God will speak to us through his Word. Spend some quiet time today considering how you will spend your forty-day retreat. What will you do to prepare for the renewal of your baptismal promises on Easter Sunday?

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 19th May 2018 at 9am Mass.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK : Afifi Elchaar, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Leon Abood and Christiano Misak

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marguerite Wong (Funeral at CTK Saturday 24 Feb- 10.30), Derek Adorati, Dorothy Puckeridge and Dorothy May Harris.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Maree Grace Fedrigo, Bill Costello, Faye Donaldson, and Julie Phelan.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL SOULS:

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.

Today's Readings 17/18 February 2018**First Sunday of Lent****Gen 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15****Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website www.universalis.com****Next Weeks Reading 24/25 February 2018****Second Sunday of Lent****Gen 22:1, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10****17/18 February— First Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Aubon Fernando	Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea price
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown Christine Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Ilana Blazevic Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Ng	David Collins	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	David Cook	Diane Campbell Jamie Hoban Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 5– Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 2**– Barbara Haddad**PIETY Group 3**– Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher**CHURCH CLEANING Group 6**– Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus**24/25 February—Second Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Gerard Sadaya Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John colman John Murphy	David Collins	Tony Hughes Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jennifer Alphonse Cheryl Collins Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardner	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Stephen Doyle	Jamie Hoban	Margaret Coakley Leila Safy Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban

COUNTER Group 6– Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 3**– Barbara Haddad**PIETY Group 4**– Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney**CHURCH CLEANING Group 1**– Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 1**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 the Catholic Foundation 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.



PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service in the Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking caretakers for the Balgo parish. Accommodation and food is provided. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060. Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org or Web:

www.broomedioocese.org

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Shi, Truong and Iping families who are preparing for the baptism of their children: Declan Shi, Joshua Yao Hao Truong and Marlowe Grace Iping. As the people of God in this community, we pray for these children and ask for God's guidance and blessing on these families as they have given a commitment to raising their child according to the Catholic faith and walk with them on the Way of Christ.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 1 MARCH

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations, Thursday 1 March at 7:00pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton NSW, 2761. RSVP: Sr Paula, vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council met for the first time in 2018 on 7 February. The new executive was elected and they are Chairman: Peter Elchaar, Vice-Chairman:

Jason Scanlon and Secretary: Julie

Bonney. The other members of the Council are Chris Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin and Dawn Peat as well as ex officio members: Father Ian, Tony Hughes (CTK School Principal) and Brad Vergona (Youth Minister). We also expressed our thanks to retiring members of the Council: Erica Rheinberger, Darren So, Henry Mendes and Tyrrell Selvan for their service to our community.



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation, Diocese of Parramatta sustains the works of Faith, through the Holy Spirit Seminary and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; works of Hope through the Ephpheta Centre; and works of Charity through CatholicCare. **Our quota for this appeal is:**

\$7627.00— Please give generously to *The Catholic*

Foundation Appeal. Place your donation in the envelope provided and place on either collection at Mass. You can also choose to donate by visiting

www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/donations

LENTEN PROGRAM 2018

The season of Lent began on February 14, Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 1. It is a time for spiritual renewal, repentance and reflection. For many years now our parish has fostered this renewal through small groups gathering to reflect on the scriptures and to share their faith with one another. The program that will be used this year is provided by the Diocese of Wollongong entitled *Surrender – Lenten Program 2018 (Year B)*. If you wish to join a group please contact the facilitator below:

Mon 7:30pm	Maryanne Dwyer	M: 0418 641 412
Wed 10 am	Lorraine Murphy	M: 0407 691 576
Wed 8pm	Rob Haddad	M: 0414 661 038
Mon 7.30 pm	Lisa Hoban	M: 0450 754 759

LENTEN BOOKS

For those who can't join a Lenten group but who would like to reflect on the Scriptures throughout Lent leading to Easter they may purchase a copy of the program *Surrender* for \$10 from the piety stall.

YEAR OF YOUTH

To Launch the Year of Youth, the Parramatta diocese is putting on a celebration... **LIFTED Live feat. Fr Rob Galea on 22nd February at Rooty Hill RSL** (55 Sherbrooke St, Rooty Hill, NSW) **7:30pm - 10:00pm.**

LIFTED Live kicks off a huge period of opportunity and growth as we celebrate the Year of Youth in the Australian Catholic Church.

Join Bishop Vincent, CYP, the LIFTED Team and very special guest Fr Rob Galea for an energetic, exciting, life-giving, and inspirational evening. **\$5 Cash entry!**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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. **Date: 27–29 April 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

LENTEN RETREAT AFTERNOON FOR FAMILIES

Open to families of all ages and constellations. From 2-4:30pm at Mt Schoenstatt on **25 February**. This is a free event - registration is essential: www.trybooking.com/trf1

LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: 10-11

MARCH Held at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Event details: <https://goo.gl/NrggXH> or contact:

[Sr M Julie juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:SrMJulie.juliebrcar@gmail.com)

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Australia, has been preparing, sending and supporting those who answer the call to mission in overseas dioceses, schools, clinics and other vital community organisations. Palms Australia is looking for full or part-time volunteers to assist with multiple tasks in their **Petersham** office. If you have good organisational and administrative skills, advanced written and oral English and a professional phone etiquette you will be most helpful. To apply, please contact Roger O'Halloran, Executive Director, on 02 9560 5333 or email roger@palms.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

- Family Life Coordinator - Blacktown Parish, Blacktown
More details at: www.mqofblacktown.org.au
- Interfaith and Ecumenical Executive Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney
- Safeguarding Training and Support Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney
More details at: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES – DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Natural Fertility Services specialises in helping couples identify the best time to achieve or postpone pregnancies. Natural Family Planning is based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. No drugs, devices, or side effects! For more information please contact Natural Fertility Services on 02 8838 3442, 0400 427 605 or nfs@parracatholic.org

CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA: 10 MARCH

Byrd Consort Concert - With 'Recorder Collective' Easter Polyphony: Renaissance to Bruckner. Tickets via St Patrick's Cathedral Office 02 8839 8411. Saturday 10 March at 3pm. Entry: \$12, Concession: \$8. All proceeds to go to the St Patrick's Cathedral parish. More details at: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

CATECHISTS NEEDED

"Faith is a pure gift ... a gift received and a gift given. A catechist is right there, at the centre of this exchange of gifts" (Pope Francis).

Can you help? Are you able to give 30 to 40 minutes a week [with about another 30-40 minutes of prep time] to teach children from Kinder to Year 6? Teaching experience is not required and training, teaching materials and support is provided. If you can help please contact Terry Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332— Kate Joseph on 0409 397 888—Or the Parish Office on 9871 8710

ACU SHORT COURSES IN THEOLOGY

ACU will be running the following 4 week short course in theology at their Strathfield Campus: From childhood to youth, 21 February, 28 February, 7 March and 14 March 2018. You're invited to explore: What does it mean to be a child or youth? How does the church understand children and youth? Why are children baptised and initiated? How can the church engage young people? For more information, please view the attached flyer, or visit: www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses

CONCERT WITH IRISH SINGER DAVID PARKES: 24-25 FEB

David is a international singer who has performed to over a million people world-wide during the past 25 years in his powerful music ministry. Saturday 24 February, 2pm to 4pm at St. James' Catholic Church, 2 Woolley St, Glebe. Sunday 25 February 2018, 2:30pm to 4pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 26 Swanston St, St Marys. Contact Therese - (02) 9651 3028 or 0422 678 799 or John & Helen - (02) 4733 4274 or 0418 690 159

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 - Information Evenings

Every three years WYD provides an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) to be immersed in the beauty, intensity and adventure of our Catholic faith as we unite with the youth of the world in the presence of Pope Francis. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people of our Diocese on a journey to the host city of Panama in Central America during January 2019. Unique to our Diocese, we will be immersed in a sharing of faith, culture and local experiences in the shadow of ancient pyramids, Basilica's and the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe as we pass first through Mexico. Join us for one of three upcoming information evenings. All are from 7—8.30 pm.

Tuesday 20 February – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Mary's - **Or Visit** www.parrawyd.org

OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Oakhill College Open Day is on Sunday, 11 March 2018. The day will run from 11.00am – 3.00pm and provides a great opportunity to meet our Principal, Brother Steve Hogan, staff and current students.

Tours are guided by students showcasing subject displays, co-curricular activities and performances by one of the many College musical ensembles.

Principal's Address at 11.30am and 1.30pm. Visit our website to register your interest - www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au