

# 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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25 February 2018  
*Second Sunday of*  
**LENT**  
**YEAR B**



### *Gospel Reflection*

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.

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#### **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:** Fr Chris De Souza, Afifi Elchaar, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Leon Abood, Christiano Misak and Effie Christodoulou.

#### **THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Marguerite Wong, Derek Adorati, Julie Phelan,

#### **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**

Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Faye Donaldson, Joseph Giacomelli, Fernand and Therese Goyer, Col Blyth, Edith Azzopardi, Hugh Snaith and Thomas Noonan

#### **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.

*Second*  
  
**SUNDAY**  
**IN LENT**

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth. We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our covenant relationship with our GOD. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can take effect in our lives. If we make GOoD use of the next 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, GOoD Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Today's Readings 24/25 February 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

Next Weeks Reading 3/4 March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

### 24/25 February— Second Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday</b> 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Gerard Sadaya Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday</b> 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
<b>Sunday</b> 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

### 3/4 March —Third Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday</b> 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Phil Trainor	George Germanos Sue Veling	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday</b> 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Ilana Blazevic Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday</b> 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Stephen Doyle	David Cook	Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Carla Manasan Darren So

**COUNTER Group 7**- Tony Clancy, John Lacey

**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

#### 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.



## Second Sunday of Lent

Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted

polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. After joining the Deaf Development Program run by Caritas Australia's partner, Maryknoll Cambodia, his life was transformed and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or PH: 1800 024 413.

### **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](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406

### **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.

### **SRE COMMISSIONING MASS THIS WEEKEND**

During the 10 AM Mass this weekend we welcome members of our parish who will be commissioned to be Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers (catechists) in the state primary schools located in our parish, North Rocks and Carlingford West Public Schools. We thank them for taking on this commitment on our behalf to share the good news of Jesus to the many Catholic children who attend public schools. Some have been doing this role for many years and others are new. The parish is always in need of more SRE teachers and support and training is offered from the beginning. If you would like to take on this invaluable ministry please contact the parish office on 9871 8710

### **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to parishioner James McMaster who will be marrying his fiancée, Leanne Barbour this Saturday, 3 March here at Christ the King Church, North Rocks at 3 PM. Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this Nuptial Mass on Saturday.



### **WALK THE LENTEN JOURNEY ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE**

The Xt3 Lent Calendar App 2018 is available for download on Apple and Android devices (search for Xt3 Lent) and can be viewed from the website:

[www.xt3.com/lent](http://www.xt3.com/lent)

The Lent calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent. The theme for the Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 is "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus."

### **THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members.

We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

The 2018 dates on Sundays: 11 March, 6 May, 8 July, 9 September, 4 November.

For further information visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

### **SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: 16-18 MARCH**

Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, keynote talks, the sacraments, adoration and quality sisterhood time. Keynote speakers include; Darlene Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. To register visit [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au)

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 8 MARCH**

The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". International Women's Day 2018 is an opportunity to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the people who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realise their full potential. For more information visit: [goo.gl/VEuLxq](http://goo.gl/VEuLxq)

### **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: 9-10 MARCH**

From Friday 6pm until Saturday 6pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Commences with Holy Mass at 6pm and concludes with Holy Mass on Saturday at 5pm. For event details: <https://goo.gl/vGicaH>



## CHRIST THE KING 2018 SPRING FAIR



The Spring Fair Team is making significant progress in setting up the groundwork for our 2018 Spring Fair. There will be many opportunities to get involved, but at this stage, we are looking to secure sponsors and prime raffle ticket prizes. As advertising our sponsors is a vital part of the sponsorship package, this needs to be locked in a.s.a.p Please take some time to read our Spring Fair Sponsorship letter and contact us if you are interested in supporting the Spring Fair in this way. We are grateful to the Bergan and Shelley Families (Ashton Yr 4, Clayton Yr 1 & Savannah Yr 1) that have so generously donated \$5 000 towards sponsorship and to Community First (Rouse Hill) who have donated \$1 000!

Our next Spring Fair meeting will take place on Monday, April 9 at 7:30 pm in the CTK Staffroom. See you there!

### 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](mailto:roger@palms.org.au)



**Harmonix Concert Band** presents an evening of entertainment to raise funds for Bloom Asia, a not-for-profit organisation that exists to restore and empower young women who have experienced significant trauma in Cambodia and The Phillipines. Two of our parish musicians play in this band - Ingrid Wulf and Alex Harrison. Come and support them and a worthy cause at the same time.

7pm March 17 2018

Carlingford Baptist Church

Cnr Alamein Ave and Pennant Hills Rd

\$10pp concession: \$7.50

Refreshments available on the night

### 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://stpatrcathedral.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](http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses)

### 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](http://www.parrawyd.org)

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### LECTURE: 18 MARCH

Br Dr Kelvin Canavan fms -The bureaucratisation of Catholic schooling and the emergence of the Catholic Education Office. Meet at 2.00pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's, Church Hill (Grosvenor Street). Admission is free and open to all. Visit the ACHS website [www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au) for more information.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER RETREAT

March 28: 6:00 pm – April 1, 9:30 am  
Holy Week and Easter Retreat

Presenters: Carmelite Team- Cost: \$480.00

We invite you to accompany the Carmelite Community as we enter the Most Holy Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

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