

# 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:**  
 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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14 January 2018  
*Second Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time*  
 YEAR B



### Gospel Reflection

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

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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, Jenn-Shin Lee and Mary Magill.

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rev. Dr. Grove Johnson (former President of St. Patrick's Seminary, Manly and National Director of Catholic Missions) and Fran Lewis.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS. ESPECIALLY:

Elvira Goodwin,, John & Maree George.

#### **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.

#### SUMMER LOCK-IN | CTK LIGHT

Ready for some crazy fun over the holidays?!

CTK Light Youth Ministry is running a sleep-over summer event for those in years 6-9 during the summer holidays! Games and activities include...

Icebreakers... with real ice, Nerf wars, Seekers, Water Fights, Night Games and much more!

When is it? 1pm Friday 19th January - 9am Saturday 20th January.

Where? Mary MacKillop Hall, Christ the King Parish, North Rocks

Cost is \$5! Register now!

Questions or registration, please call or text Brad on 0434 938 312.

CTK LIGHT YOUTH GROUP RETURNS ON 2nd FEBURARY!

When? 7pm

Where? Mary MacKillop Parish Hall

Who? You!

**Today's Reading 13/14 January**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

**Next Week's Readings 20/21 January-**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

### 13/14 January—Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	John Lacey, Frank Lah	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Peter Hrast	Dexter Tabeta Marguerite Wong	Trish Yates	Substitute needed Gerianne Sadaya Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Jose Jilesh	Stephen Doyle Ian McMaster	Kathryn Gaudron	Cheryl Collins Marea Mooney Lorraine Murphy	Dominic Wong

**COUNTER Group 7—** Tony Clancy, John Lacey  
**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6—** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY Group 2-** Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf  
**CHURCH CLEANING Group 1-** Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 1

### 20/21 January—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	George Germanos Roger Hook	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad John Khoudair	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Sue DeCourcy	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Kathryn Gaudron	Christine Kinsella James Kinsella Jui-May Lee	Toby Shi
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	John Colman	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	David Cook	Cecilie McCarron Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorovitch	Julia Hoban

**COUNTER Group 1—** Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael Ng, Graeme Gardiner  
**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 7—** Ada Cheung

**PIETY Group 3—** Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher  
**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 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.

## DEANERY AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv launched our new councils on Saturday 2 December at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. He called on our councils to be listening bodies, particularly to those who are "outside the tent". Council members are to be connected to the grassroots, to help him listen and respond to the real needs and concerns of the people. More information, including council membership, can be found on [www.faithinourfuture.org.au](http://www.faithinourfuture.org.au)

## POSITIONS VACANT

- Youth Minister – St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill
  - Accounts Officer -Chancery Office, Parramatta
- More details at: [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

School Maintenance & Outdoor Worker – Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Baulkham Hills. Must have valid Working With Children Check, Commence February 2018, 3 hours/day- 5 days per week, Pre-employment Medical Assessment required, General maintenance experience preferred, 2 Referees, Applicants addressed to: The Principal – [ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 1 FEBRUARY

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite young adults (aged 18-35) to join them for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 1st February 2018, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula email: [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or mobile 0449 656 406.

## 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](mailto:info@smom.org.au) email [info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au)

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: 13 – 15 APRIL

For women of any age and experience in formal leadership positions and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes etc. The inspirational Sr Hilda Scott OSB (presenter at ACYF) and Dr Leoni Degenhardt will be the presenters. April 13-15 2018 at Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo. Info: 02 4236 0533 or [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au)

## ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

After five years of work, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has submitted its final report to government and will now come to an end. The Diocese of Parramatta will continue working with police and other relevant authorities to ensure the Catholic Church remains as safe as possible for children and other vulnerable people.

In its submissions, the Royal Commission has released its reports on Case Study 44 relating to the Diocese of Parramatta (this report has not yet been made public) and Case Study 50 relating to Catholic Church in Australia. The Diocese of Parramatta now begins the process of reviewing this material.

The Diocese of Parramatta once again offers its unre-served 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.

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](http://www.safeguarding.org.au). For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website: [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au). For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3419. Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

## GRIEF TO GRACE: 8 – 13 APRIL

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@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## MUSIC:

Our music ministry is a very essential part of the liturgy of the Mass each weekend. We are always looking for new musicians to help in this ministry. If you are a musician or a budding musician and would like to join a group that play at Mass or perhaps you would like to lead the congregation on your own, please contact Darren So through the parish office on 9871 8710 or Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

## GIVING BACK

### Do you want to give back to the Church and wider community?

If you want to give practical help to people to struggle financially, our St Vincent de Paul Society team welcome new members to assist with their visitation. Contact Rosemary Wickham through the parish office on 9871 8710 or Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

Do you love children and want to share the Catholic faith with them? 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 the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 394 332 or Cate Joseph on 0409 397 888

If you'd like to work with children and parents together as they prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Communion, contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

If you're available for an hour on a weekday or a weekend you might like to visit the elderly or take communion to the sick. Call the parish office on 9871 8710 or Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

Come and get involved in making our weekend Masses great by serving, reading, music, teaching Children's Liturgy or hospitality. Call the parish office on 9871 8710 or Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

## FOUND

A pair of Black rimmed glasses has been found in the church and are available from the sacristy. Last Saturday a white drone (see below) a 2.4GHz 6-Axis Quadcopter (yes one of those flying machines) was discovered between the presbytery and the church. It had obviously had a crash landing! Contact office to collect unless it is a new type of angel!



## PARISH LEADERSHIP:

Our parish is guided by three important groups who meet with the parish priest regularly. The Pastoral Council, which establishes pastoral vision and strategy, the Liturgy Committee which supports how we celebrate Mass together, and the Finance Committee which oversees our financial governance. Fr Ian thanks each of the members who have worked alongside him this year. We thank the retiring members of these committees, especially Erica Rheinberger, for her service over the past three years. We are now looking for some new members for each of these groups to work with Fr Ian for our Parish into the future. Is there one of these teams you feel you could contribute to? Please contact Fr Ian through the parish office on 9871 8710 or Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

## LENTEN PROGRAM 2018

The season of Lent begins 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)*. They are pleased to announce that this Lenten Program will now also include short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, prayers and questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups. Therefore, *Surrender* is also perfect for those that cannot attend a Lenten group. If you wish to form a group or join a group please contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

CTK opening School Mass	9 February
Ash Wednesday	14 February
Palm Sunday	25 March
Holy Thursday	29 March
Good Friday	30 March
Easter Vigil	31 March
Easter Sunday	1 April
Ascension of the Lord	13 May
Pentecost Sunday	20 May
Trinity Sunday	27 May
Corpus Christi/1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	3 June
Confirmation	5 September
1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	28 November