

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS

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<b>Baptisms</b>	Monthly 2nd & 4th Sun
<b>Weddings:</b>	By Appointment
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Sat 9.30 am & 4.30pm
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b>	Sat 9.30am
<b>Rosary:</b>	Sat 8.30am
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	10am Mass-During Term
<b>Parish Services</b>	
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	<b>Weekday Masses:</b>
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
<b>Parish Address:</b>	
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11 February 2018  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
YEAR B



### Gospel Reflection

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order. Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God. In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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#### 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:

Fr. Peter Neville (Former Parish Priest of Georges Hall and founding Pastor of Bossley Park), Vicenta Gala (mother of Salvatore), Joan Saunders (mother of Bishop Chris Saunders, Bishop of Broome), Dorothy Puckeridge and Dorothy May Harris

#### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Giovanni Bietola, Beniamino, Guiseppina, Carmelina, Jimmy Cutrone and George Cutrone Jnr., Maree Grace Fedrigo, Bill Costello and Faye Donaldson

#### 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.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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



#### ASH WEDNESDAY THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence in preparation for Easter. Mass (and the distribution of ashes) will occur at 9 AM and 7:30 PM. This year The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (February 14-17) Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts. Resources can be accessed at [www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation](http://www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation)

**Today's Readings 10/11 February 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time—CYCLE B**  
**Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1Cor 10:31– 11:1; Mark 1:40-45**

**Next Weeks Reading 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](http://www.universalis.com)**

**10/11 February— Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	<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>	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Dawn Peat	Veronica Chacty	John Lacey Gillian Mobbs	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Dexter Tabeta Marguerite wong	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Jamie Hoban Jui-May Lee	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	Jose Jilesh	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Kathryn Gaudron	Lisa Hoban Marea Mooney Lorraine Murphy	Dominic Wong

**COUNTER Group 4–** Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 1–** Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

**PIETY Group 2–** Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

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

**17/18 February—First Sunday of Lent**

	<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	Aubon Fernando	Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Chris Brown Christine Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Ilana Blazevic Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	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

**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 SUNDAY

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people 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, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

### DEANERY AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCILS

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)

### YEAR OF YOUTH

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

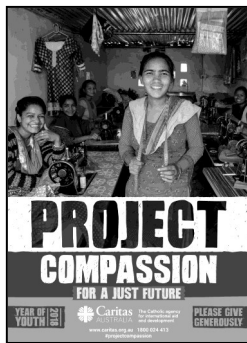
LIFTED Live kicks off a huge period of opportunity and growth as we celebrate the Year of Youth in the Australian Catholic Church.

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!**

### 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.

**Monday 12 February** – St Andrew's Parish, Marayong  
**Thursday 15 February** – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta  
**Tuesday 20 February** – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Mary's - **Or Visit** [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org)



## COMMISSIONING OF NEW ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AND NEW MEMBER

During Mass, this coming Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM, Rosemary Wickham will be commissioned as the new president of our local St Vincent de Paul Society conference and Rachel Elliott will be welcomed as a new member of the Society. We thank them both for taking on these important ministries in our parish and wish to acknowledge the great work our local conference does with the poor and disadvantaged.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council met for the first time in 2018 last Wednesday evening. 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—THIS WEEKEND 10/11 FEBRUARY

*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. You can also choose to donate by visiting [www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/donations](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/donations)

### 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)*. 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.



Parish Pastoral  
Council

## THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

Vinnies would like to thank the Parishioners of Christ the King for your amazing generosity with the Giving Tree and the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Close to 100 needy families received Hampers and gifts. The money raised with the Christmas Appeal allows us to assist the less fortunate families we visit throughout the year with essential items such as food, power and furniture.



## 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. Invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **Date: 27–29 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings** online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

## LENTE 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](http://www.trybooking.com/trf1)

## LENTE 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:Sr M Julie.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](mailto:roger@palms.org.au)

## POSITIONS VACANT

- Professional Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
- Archives and Records Manager - Chancery Office, Parramatta

More details at: [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

- Family Life Coordinator - Blacktown Parish, Blacktown

More details at: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://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](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)



Rocks have scheduled their first get together for **2018 this Tuesday 13 Feb at 7.00 pm** at Baulkham Hills sports club.

Come along and meet like minded fathers of our community and share a meal and drink in a relaxed and casual environment.

For more information please contact Peter or just come along on the night, bring a mate with you for a greater experience. Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Peter Elchaar JP*—KingsMen—0408 678 922

## 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)

## MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE: 17 FEBRUARY

Lenten Reflection Day - Seeking God who keeps looking for us. Lent calls us to renew and deepen our Christian call to the faithful seeing of God. The day will include input, conversation and time for quiet reflection. The day will be facilitated by respected biblical scholar and teacher Dr Michele Connolly rsj. Date: Saturday 17 February, 10.00am -3.30 pm

Cost: \$30 morning tea provided, BYO lunch. Reserve your place by email [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) or 02 8752 5390. Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. Entry off Hull Road.

## 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

