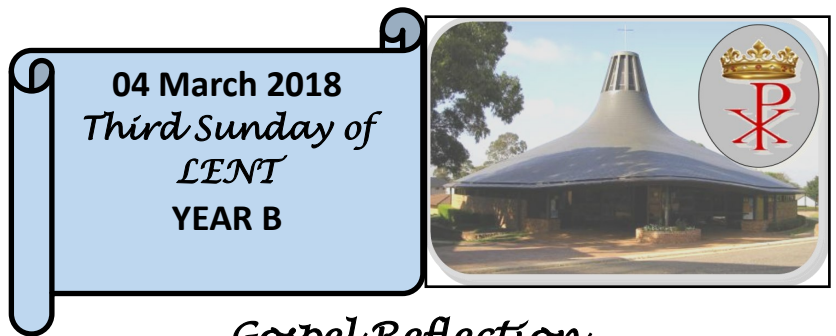


# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS

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<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Nadine Lucas Ph: 9871 8710
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<b>School Web Site:</b>	www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au
<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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04 March 2018  
*Third Sunday of*  
*LENT*  
**YEAR B**

### *Gospel Reflection*

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law. Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

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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:**

Fr. George O'Mara, (Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook); Eileen Lyons, Marguerite Wong .

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

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



Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer. –

#### **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 3/4 March 2018**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

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

**Next Weeks Reading 10/11 March 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21**

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

**3/4 March —Third 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>	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Phil Trainor	George Germanos Sue Veling	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Ilana Blazevic Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	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

**10/11 March —Fourth 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>	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Rob Haddad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola John Lacey	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	Chris Brown John murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Cecilie McCarron	Dominic Wong

**COUNTER Group 1**– Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael Ng, Graeme Gardiner

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

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

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 3**– Clarry Barbera, Chris and Beverley Poole, Leo and Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

**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.

Third Sunday of  
Lent  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's

support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. 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 phoning 1800 024 413.

# kingsmen

KingsMen have scheduled their second get together for 2018 this **Tuesday 6th March** at Baulkham hills sports club from **7pm**.

Come along and meet like minded fathers of our community and share a meal and drink in a relaxed and casual environment. We will be discussing the Spring Fair and Father son forum & weekend retreat, so your attendance will be appreciated.

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, 0408 678 922

## 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 contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

## 2018 LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: [goo.gl/2F77m9](http://goo.gl/2F77m9)

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for baptised Catholic children eligible to receive the next sacrament of initiation (First Holy Communion) into full membership of the Church.

Children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

In the parish of Christ the King, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish masses on the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (without children) on Wednesday, 21st March commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program will be explained and any questions answered as well as enrolment forms distributed.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is **essential** that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

## LENTEN FOODBANK – JRS ARRUPE COMMUNITY

Thank you for your very generous on-going support for our refugees. JRS are now inviting parishes in the Diocese to donate to their Lenten Foodbank Program.

### Give 6 Things for the 6 Weeks of Lent

The Foodbank provides much needed food and groceries to over 320 individuals and families every month.

Foodbank is not your usual food donation service. JRS doesn't make hampers for their clients, but rather allows them to choose their own groceries. JRS stocks their shelves and fridges like a supermarket, thus allowing people to do their own 'shopping'. They have identified the most frequently requested staple items:

Tin Tomatoes	Tuna in Oil
Tin Lentils	Cooking Oil
Basmati Rice	Tin Chickpeas
Nappies (15-25kg)	Sanitary Pads

If you can donate one or more food items from the list above each week, for the remainder of Lent, and place it in the basket

in the foyer, we will deliver them to Arrupe in Parramatta. Thank you for your continued generosity. These items make such a difference. Your contribution is helping JRS accompany, serve and advocate for refugee families.

**\*After Lent we'll return to CTK's last Sunday of the month for donations\***

Your CTK Social Justice Group

## 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,

### SPRING FAIR NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Arrupe – Jesuit Refugee Service Australia in Parramatta has been selected to receive 10% of funds raised from the Spring Fair this year. We have supported Arrupe in many ways and are very pleased to continue to support refugees living in our community.

A big thank you to those from our school and parish community who have come forward and supported our Spring Fair through sponsorship. Please contact the school or parish office if you too are interested in supporting us in this way.

April 9 at 7:30 pm in the CTK Staffroom. See you there



**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

### MOUNT ST BENEDICT: 15 MARCH

Writing your own spiritual story – facilitated by Dr Peter Mudge. This day combines time for participants to reflect on writings from the desert monastics to Augustine, Benedict and Pope Francis, children’s stories and poetry as inspiration for writing down stories from their own spiritual journey. No previous writing experience is necessary. Starts 9am on 15 March. Cost is \$30. Contact 02 8752 5390 or [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) for more information.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 8 MARCH 2018

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 activists 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)

### 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



### 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.

### OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY: 11 MARCH

We warmly welcome prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday, 11 March 2018 from 11.00am – 3.00pm, providing 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](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au)

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

27-29 APRIL

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. Take time out of your busy schedule, to 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)

