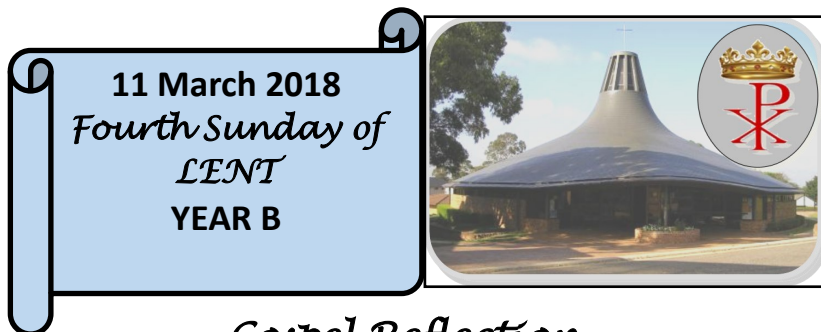


CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

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
Parish Address:	
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Gospel Reflection

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.

Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

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The second part of John's Gospel is a Theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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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. Peter McGrath CP, (Founder of the Passionist Family Group Movement), Fr. George O'Mara, (Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook); Eileen Lyons, Marguerite Wong.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Panagoula Droudis, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Eric Bokeyar and Marshall DeSouza

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 3/4 March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10;

John 3: 14-21

Next Weeks Reading 10/11 March 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12: 20-30

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website www.universalis.com

10/11 March — Fourth Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Rob Haddad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola John Lacey	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	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

17/18 March — Fourth Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	David Collins	Kerry Saad Dexter Tabeta	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Murphy	John Colman	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Lorraine Murphy Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Stephen Doyle Sam SAFY	David Cook	Lisa Hoban Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 2— Keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6— Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4— Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 4

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.

**Fourth Sunday of
Lent
11th March 2018**



Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline went from seeking employment to being a Senior Artsworker and an

inspirational leader for youth. Her work at the non-profit Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation has supported the organisation's growth and it is now a major employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.

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.

PROCLAIM 2018: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PARISH RENEWAL AND EVANGELISATION

12 – 14 July 2018 - Early Bird Registrations and Group Discounts now available

This year the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation.

Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Fiqaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane).

To find out more visit www.proclaimconference.com.au and register at our early bird rate.

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 2nd/3rd 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.

FAITH FEED INITIATIVE IFM

This weekend at all masses, Rachel Elliott will be inviting us to take part in a new initiative from the Parramatta Diocesan adult faith education office (called the Institute for Mission) based in Blacktown. This initiative is aimed at trying to build connections with young people in the 25 to 39 age group, a statistically depleted and declining portion of church participation and faith leadership.

PRACTICE FOR READERS FOR PALM SUNDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

The liturgy committee has determined the practice times for those who have nominated to be readers of the Lord's Passion during Holy week. For those reading on Palm Sunday (Gospel of Mark) weekend a practice will be held in the church on Sunday, 18 March at 3 PM. For those reading on Good Friday (Gospel of John) the practice will take place after the 10 o'clock Mass on 25 March (Palm Sunday). Please make a note in your diaries.

CTK—KINDER ENROLMENTS 2019

Enrolment packages are now available for families wishing to enrol their children in Kindergarten next year. Enrolment packages are available from the school office or school website. Please pass this offer onto any families who you know who are considering enrolling their Kindergarten child at CTK in 2019. Please complete the enrolments forms and return to the school office with the relevant requested documentation. Parents will be contacted over the next few weeks to make appointments for enrolment and school readiness interviews in May and June term 2. CTK also has vacancies available at present for any interested families wishing to enrol their children from K-6.

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 for more information.

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

LENTEN FOODBANK – JRS ARRUPÉ 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

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@griegtograces.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograces.org

CTK PLAYGROUP—To begin Term 2 (4th May)

When: Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am (Term time only)

Where: CTK Hall, Statham Avenue North Rocks

Who: For children aged 0-6 and their carers

What: Play, socialise, create friendships

Come every week or come when you can

To register your interest in coming along or for further information Contact ctkplaygroup@gmail.com

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

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. 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 or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

LENTEN CONCERT REFLECTION: 18 MARCH

'Ashes to Easter' with Peter Kearney on Sunday 18 March, 3.00-4.15pm in the Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic singer-songwriter and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. To register, email concerts@peterkearneysongs.com.au specifying 'Parramatta' and number of seats needed. Suggested donation \$10 at door.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018.

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.