

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



25 March 2018
 PALM SUNDAY
 OF THE *Passion of the LORD*
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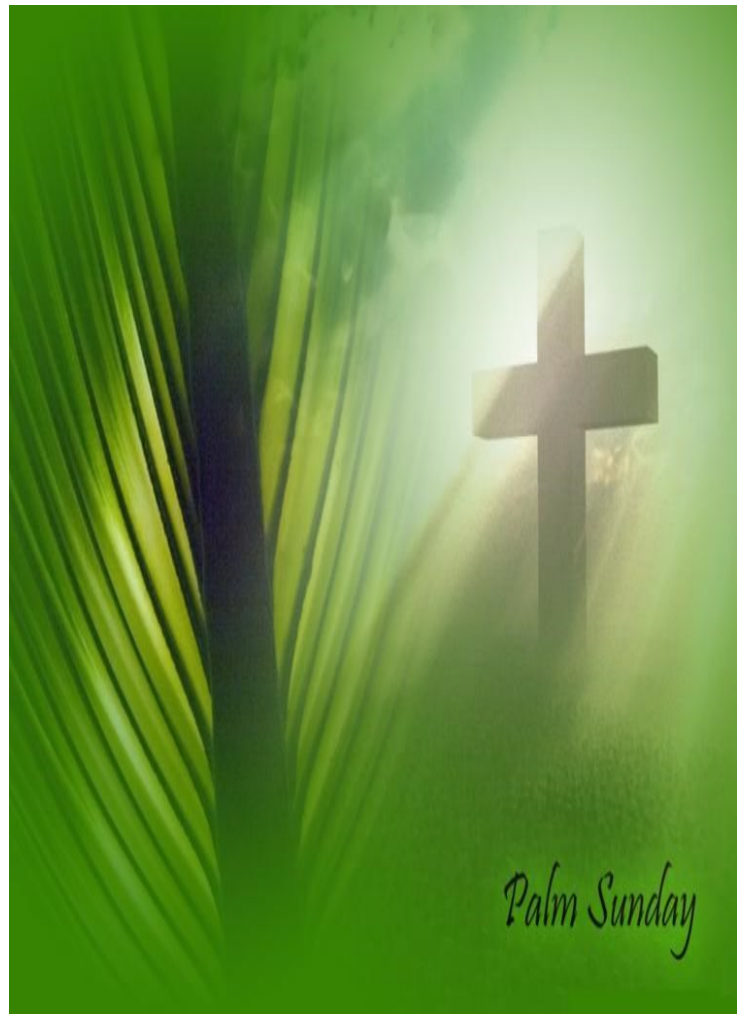
Gospel Reflection

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

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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

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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 : Sylvette Marsh, Scarlet Paisley, Afifi Elchaar, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Leon Abood, Christiano Misak and Effie Christodoulou.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Theodore Greuter, Nora Doughan and Geoff Casimir.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Panagoula Droudis, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Eric Bokeyar and Marshall DeSouza, George Evans and Karen Euhus.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL SOULS

Today's Readings 24/25 March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 15:1-39

Next Weeks Reading 31st March/1st April 2018

*Easter Vigil: 1 Gen 1:1 - 2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Exo14:15 - 15:1; Isa 54: 5-14; Isa 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Eze 36: 16-28—Romans 6:3-11—Mark 16:1-7


* Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; 1Cor 5:6-8;

Mark 16:1-7; John 20:1-9; Luke 24:13-35

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

**24/25 March—1st April —PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES AND ROSTERS**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 24 March 6.00 pm Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty John DeCourcy Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 25 March 8.00 am Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Jennifer Alphonse Bev Johnson Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 25 March 10.00 am Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	David Collins	Ilana Blazevic Sarah Cook Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban	Marea Mooney Leila Safy Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban
Thursday 29 March 7.30 pm HOLY THURSDAY	Sam Bietola	Phil Trainor	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya	Jamie Hoban	Peter Blyth Lilia Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Julia Hoban
Friday 30 March 3.00 pm GOOD FRIDAY	Ken Boys	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Kathryn Gaudron	Peter Blyth Diane Campbell Frank Lah	Dominic Wong
Saturday 31 March 7.00 pm EASTER VIGIL	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Aubon Fernando	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	Jeremy Thaman	Maria Bietola Gillian Mobbs	Dominic Wong
EASTER SUNDAY 1st April 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Peter Hrast	Ilana Blazevic Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
EASTER SUNDAY 1st April 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Ng	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Cecilie McCarron Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Carla Manasan Darren So



Easter Mass Times

Local Times for Easter & Holy Week Celebrations

MONDAY, 26 March 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Paul the Apostle Church, Winston Hills at **7:00 PM**

TUESDAY 27 March 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville at **7:00 PM**

WEDNESDAY 28 March— Chrism Mass St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta **7:30pm**

HOLY THURSDAY 29 March —Mass of the LORD'S Supper at CTK Church —**7.30 pm**

GOOD FRIDAY 30 March —STATIONS OF THE CROSS at CTK Church —**10.00 am**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION— at CTK Church **3.00 PM**

SATURDAY 31 March – Individual Reconciliation at CTK Church **3.00—4.00 PM**

N.B. Daylight Savings Ends this evening turn clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

EASTER VIGIL 31 March —**7.00 PM (not 6PM)** at CTK Church

EASTER SUNDAY 1 APRIL—MASSES **8.00 AND 10 AM** at CTK Church

ROSTER 24/25 MARCH

COUNTER Group 3- Sam Bietola, Ken Abood, Roger Brewer, Cass Joyce

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 7- Ada Cheung

PIETY Group 4- Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING Group 5- Mark & Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, Mariana Tomasovic.

ROSTER 31 MARCH/1ST APRIL

COUNTER Group 4- Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 8- Reyna Mendes, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 1- Maria Bietola, Tony and Catherine Hughes, Mary Magill

CHURCH CLEANING Group 6- Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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).

For those who missed the meeting for parents/guardians on Wednesday, 21st March registration for the programme has begun and can be done via our parish website at the following link <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/> under Holy Communion until Thursday 27 March.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 30 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: 25 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Palm Sunday Procession. Starting at Parramatta Town Hall on Sunday 25th March at 5:15pm and walking to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: 8 APRIL

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on 8 April 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Celebrations will commence at 3pm with Chaplet, Confessions, Benediction and Mass. There will be fellowship after Mass, please bring a plate to share. No RSVP required.

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



Palm Sunday 25th March 2018

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter

settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.

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.

DIocese of Parramatta's Website—EASTER MASS TIME

The Diocese of Parramatta's website has now published a list of the 2018 Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in parishes across the Diocese. Please find the attached link: <https://parracatholic.org/holyweekeaster2018/>

JOIN DEACON TONY AND ANNETTE HOBAN FOR THE FIRST MASS AT MARSDEN PARK

Deacon Tony and Annette Hoban have been busy making arrangements to establish the new Catholic Faith Community at Marsden Park since leaving CTK at the end of December.

Their first Mass in the new community will be on Sunday, April 8, 2018 (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) at 10am.

Bishop Vincent Long will be the celebrant for this Mass. The Mass will be held at St Luke's Catholic College (enter carpark via Frontier Avenue), Marsden Park. Tony and Annette would like to invite CTK Parishioners to join them for this historic occasion.

Further details are on the St Luke's website: stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au or via Facebook [stlukesmarsdenpark](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark) or by calling 8605 2623.

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. CTK also has vacancies available at present for any interested families wishing to enrol their children from K-6.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The donations on Good Friday make a direct impact on the Christians living in the Holy Land. In the words of Paul VI "It is not only for the Holy places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." please give generously.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return the Project compassion boxes and envelopes from Holy Thursday onwards. Baskets will be available at all Masses in which you may place your donations. Should you require a receipt, please ensure you complete your details on the lid of the box prior to returning. Thank you for your generous support.

EASTER VIGIL

Please note in your diaries that mass will begin at **7 PM on Saturday, 31 March** (not 6 PM) due to the fact that the Easter vigil must begin when the sun goes down in darkness. During this liturgy Samentha Reddy will be fully initiated into our Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Eucharist please keep her in your prayers. The following day daylight savings will end so we shall get an extra hour of sleep on Easter Sunday!

EASTER MONDAY MASS

On Monday, 2 April Father Ian will celebrate Mass at 9 AM in the Church.

REMINDER

There is no mass on Holy Thursday morning (only the mass of the Lord's supper at 7:30 PM in the evening is permitted) or Good Friday (The Passion of the Lord will be celebrated at 3 PM).

CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Chrism Mass with our Bishop Vincent, priests, deacons and the faithful when the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. During the Mass, priests will renew their commitment to priestly service. Gillian Mobbs and Mario Azzopardi will collect the oils on behalf of the parish **Date:** Wednesday 28 March at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

RECONCILIATION

The **Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be celebrated in our Northern Deanery at these times:

Monday 26 March Winston Hills parish beginning 7 PM

Tuesday, 27 March at Kellyville parish beginning at 7 PM

Individual Reconciliation (Confession) will be available at the earlier time for parishioners on **Holy Saturday 31**

March between 3 to 4 p.m.

Please avail yourself of the opportunity to celebrate God's forgiveness during this penitential season in this sacrament in preparation for Holy Week.

Have a blessed week