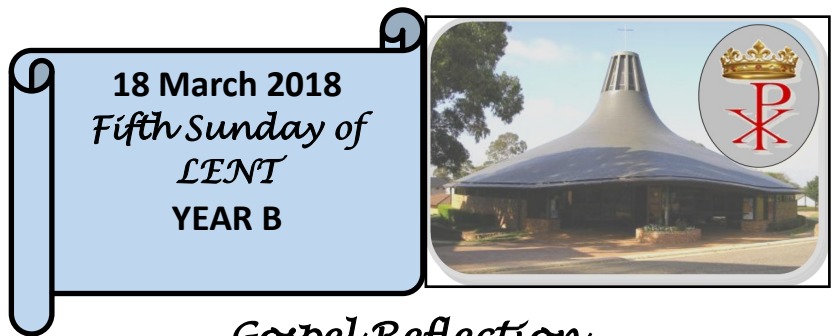


CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS

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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:**
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18 March 2018
 Fifth Sunday of
 LENT
 YEAR B

Gospel Reflection

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

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In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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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 (funeral CTK Tues 20 March 1pm).
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
 Panagoula Droudis, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Eric Bokeyar and Marshall DeSouza, George Evans and Karen Euhus.
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 17/18 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

Next Weeks Reading 24/25 March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the LORD

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

17/18 March —Fifth 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	Thea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Murphy	John Colman	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Cyheryl Collins Lorraine Murphy Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	David Cook	Margaret Coakley Lisa Hoban Natasha Todorov	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

24/25 March —PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 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 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 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 7.30 pm HOLY THURSDAY	Sam Bietola	Phil Trainor	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya	Jamie Hoban	Peter Blyth Lilia Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Julia Hoban
Friday 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

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.



SUNDAY 25 March—PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the LORD

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



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
17th March 2018**

Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, is cared for

by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. In 2018, thanks to Caritas Australia’s support Ditosa has graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with 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.

ASHES TO EASTER CONCERT-REFLECTION with Peter Kearney.

Thursday 22nd March, 7.00-8.15pm in Good Shepherd Church, Hyatts Road, Plumpton. Free admission. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic singer-songwriter and guitarist whose hymns and songs include ‘Fill My House’, ‘The Beatitudes’ and ‘Where is Your Song, my Lord?’. *“A beautiful Lenten reflection ... prayerful and spiritual a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey”.*

EASTER REFLECTIONS AND PRAYER: 14 APRIL

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for a day of Easter Reflections and Prayer on Saturday, 14 April at 2:30pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, mob: 0449 656 406

REMINDER: SOCIAL CONNECT TEAMS TO HAVE 'PRACTICE' AT MASSES OVER THE PALM SUNDAY MASSES (6PM, 8AM AND 10AM).

The Social Connect Teams will be practicing their connecting outreach to new or visiting parishioners next weekend at the Palm Sunday Masses. If you are a regular parishioner and a Connector introduces themselves to you, please feel free to introduce yourself and just mention to them that you are a regular parishioner.

If you are open to having a Connector introduce you to a visiting parishioner, simply let a Connector know and they may do so either before or after Mass.

Thank you everyone for your support towards this initiative!

Sincerely,

CTK Parish Pastoral Council

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.

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

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

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

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE LECTURE SERIES

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of Mark. Venue: IFM, Marion St, Blacktown. Time: 10 am - 2pm. Dates: Friday 23 March, Friday April 6, 13. All are welcome. BYO lunch. RSVPs to Maree 02 9890 4731

PROCLAIM 2018: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PARISH RENEWAL AND EVANGELISATION 12 – 14 JULY 2018

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 Figaredo 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.

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services' YWSG is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 20th March. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration: Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

This support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** Tuesday 27th March **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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.

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

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP THURSDAY 22ND

Come and have a chat with old friends, make a few new ones, join in Tai Chi and bingo or just come and have a cup of tea and check out the action this coming Thursday 22nd March from 10am to 1pm. Come for 20 mins or stay for lunch, you will be very welcome.

POSITIONS VACANT

Credo Youth Group Coordinator - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

For further information, please visit

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