

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



8th April 2018
Second Sunday of Easter
YEAR B



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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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Gospel Reflection

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another. The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.
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PARISH BASED SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENT CEREMONY

At all Masses this weekend we formally welcome the families involved in the First Eucharist programme and assure them of our support and prayers. The children will appropriately make their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi on the 2/3 June at all Parish masses on that weekend. These children are being initiated into our community and it is important that they do so in our Sunday Eucharist. Parishioners will be invited next weekend to pray for the candidate and their family during this preparation time. Parents are reminded to bring their children regularly to mass on the weekend so they are familiar with the liturgy. A meeting for the facilitators of the program will be held **on Wednesday 2 May** in the school library **commencing at 6:30pm** prior to the first session for all children and parents **which will commence at 7.30 pm at Mary MacKillop Hall.** Thank you to all the Facilitators and Hosts who have volunteered to assist in this program.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Ben Richards, George Healy, Mary Ribbons, Simon Khoury, Jack Bellemore, and Richard Jeffree.

PLEASE REMEMBER RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mark Behan, Eva Taylor and Gabriella Wehbe.

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.

This Week's Reading 2nd Sunday of Easter 8 April 2018

Acts 4:32-35; first letter of John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Next Week's Reading 15 April 2018 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; first letter of John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

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

8th APRIL - 2nd Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 7 April 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
SUNDAY 8 April 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Lorraine Murphy Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
SUNDAY 8 April 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey	Jennifer Alphonse Stephen doyle	Kathryn Gaudron	Ilana Blazevic Diane Campbell Dianne Vogt	Dominic Wong

COUNTER Group 5- Noel White, Joe vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 9- Leni Adan

PIETY Group 2- Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

CHURCH CLEANING Group 1- Connie Este and CTK School Mums Group 1

15 April—3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 14 April 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Phil Trainor	Rob Haddad Georgette Rissmiller	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah	Dorothea Price
SUNDAY 15 April 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Ilana Blazevic Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron	Mike Yates
SUNDAY 15 April 10 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Sarah Cook Ian McMaster	David Cook	Leila Safy Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 6- Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 1- Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 2- Frances Gallagher, Rosemarie Maroon, Paul cook, Marlene Galea

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021.

All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



SAVE THE DATE - 8 AUGUST 2018 BBI -ACBC ECONFERENCE

the 14th National eConference:

Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change on

Wednesday 8 August 2018 from 10:00am-2:05pm (AEST). Please prioritise this date in your personal and diocesan calendars. Registrations will be open soon. **IFM will be a host venue. (02 9296 6369)**

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK



On Good Friday, the youth leaders from CTK attended the diocesan Good Friday Night Walk, a 15km pilgrimage from 10pm-7am walking between St. Patrick's, Blacktown to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Stations of the Cross were performed at various parish checkpoints through the walk, and our team lead the 11th and 12th Station at St Monica's, North Parramatta. It was a spectacular event involving over 1, 200 young people from across the diocese. Join us next year for this exciting event, or others throughout the year!

Contact Brad for more info: 0434 938 312

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 - GROUP LEADERS

In January 2019 an anticipated 200 pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will be on their journey to WYD in Panama via Mexico to be with Pope Francis and the youth of the world. Here's your chance to contribute and enjoy the formation, training and friendship that comes with being a WYD Group Leader! Read about the responsibilities and apply today for a life changing experience shared with young people at www.parrawyd.org or contact James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta - jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING EVENT AT IFM

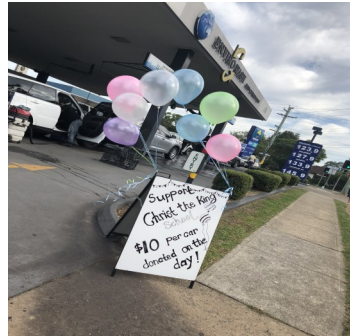
May 14 @ Institute for Mission Blacktown - Scripture Reflection Evening in Pentecost—Led by Dr Michele Connolly (Save the Date—more details to come)

MAN ALIVE—MEN'S GATHERING—7 MAY AT CTK HALL - 7.00 TO 9.00 PM

Men's gatherings are open to all men from any background, political or sexual persuasion. All men are welcome from 18 to 80. There is no religious affiliation or bias. The core values are honesty, respect and authenticity. Guest speaker is Robert Falzon. The group are involved in many activities, workshops, bushwalking, canoeing or relaxing and taking quiet time for personal reflection or spending time making new friends. For more information please call Peter Elchaar on 0408 678 922 or email: dr-p@live.com.au

SPRING FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday April 9 at 7.30 pm at the school staffroom.



Our Spring Fair Car Wash Fundraiser was a huge success on Easter Monday. Just over 100 cars were washed raising \$1100 in funds to be shared amongst our CTK community and the refugees at Arupe. Many thanks to all those that

participated in this fundraiser and especially Envirowash who have supported us so generously. Please join us for our next Spring Fair meeting on Monday, 9 April.



SAVE THE DATE: ALPHA @ CTK BEGINNING MONDAY 30TH APRIL

Join us on Monday evenings 7pm - 9pm for a bite to eat and a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Wherever you are on your journey, Alpha is a great way to meet new people, ask questions and share your point of view in a welcoming and open environment. For more information about Alpha, visit <http://australia.alpha.org/> or please email relliottaus@gmail.com. See you there!

NSW PASTORAL CONFERENCE: 1 MAY

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018 or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

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, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406

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

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 April 6, Friday April 13. All are welcome. BYO lunch. RSVPs to Maree 02 9890 4731

DISCUSSION ON ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES: 16 APRIL

The Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair invites you to a Table Talk: WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION. Monday 16 April from 7.30pm-9pm at Holy Spirit Church (5 Todd Row, St Clair). RSVP to Jacinta before Tuesday 10 April via admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au or 02 9670 8222.

CTK LIGHT YOUTH GROUP CHANGE OF TIME

Due to conflicting times with another group using the Parish Hall, CTK Light Youth Group will now be held between **7:30pm - 9:00pm** on Fridays during the school term. We will return on the 6th April looking at the topic *Divine Mercy*.

CTK LIGHT is open to all young people in years 6-10. Come and celebrate life with us!

MARIST SISTERS COLLEGE WOOLWICH ANNUAL REUNION: 6 MAY

Annual Reunion Day for Marist Sisters College Woolwich will be held 6 May at the College, 66 Woolwich Road Woolwich, with Mass at 11am in the School Chapel, followed by luncheon in the School Hall. It will be the 50th anniversary for those who left school in 1968 either in Year 10 or Year 12. For more information please contact MSCW Ex-Students Association, PO Box 96 Hunters Hill NSW 2110, email: MSCWexstudents@gmail.com, or FaceBook: MSCW Ex-Students' Association. OR call Julie Biber McLeay 0414 689 462 or Louise Shapter Hymas 0403 779 155. RSVP by 15 April.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: 6 MAY

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: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

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 Fiqueredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). To find out more visit www.proclaimconference.com.au

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.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT: 13 - 15 APRIL

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Information and a brochure can found at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.