

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS



15th April 2018  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
 YEAR B



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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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### *Gospel Reflection*

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require? Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread. In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

#### **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, Tim Coakley and Effie Christodoulou.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Olga Gialanze and Peter Francis Murphy.

#### **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.



Children will be prepared to receive 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 this 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.

This 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

Next Week's Reading 21 April 2018 4th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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

### 15 APRIL - 3rd Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday</b> 7 April 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Phil Trainor	Rob Haddad Georgette Rissmiller	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah	Dorothea Price
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8 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
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8 April 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Sarah Cook Ian McMaster	David Cook	Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	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

### 22 April—4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> 14 April 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty John Khoudair	Verohnica Chacty	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth	Isabelle Chacty
<b>SUNDAY</b> 15 April 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Ilana Blazevic Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Anne-Marie Makin Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
<b>SUNDAY</b> 15 April 10 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	David Collins	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Marea Mooney Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Dominic Wong

**COUNTER Group 7-** Tony Clancy, John Lacey

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 2-** Barbara Haddad

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

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

### 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](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## THANK YOU FROM JESSUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

To all members of the Christ the King parish community.

Your donations over the Lenten period have provided much needed food to the individuals and families we serve. Our foodbank program relies on donations like yours to supply food and toiletries to people seeking asylum. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. With gratitude,

Jesuit Refugee Service team

## ANNUAL REUNION OF THE FAIRFIELD PATRICIAN BROTHERS OLD BOYS UNION

Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

Venue: Cabra-Vale Diggers Club

RSVP: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Special Guests include:

Bros. Bernard, Aengus, Mark, Charles & Dominic

Special invitation is extended to the class of '68 who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of leaving school

We would also like to congratulate the Patrician Brothers on their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Fairfield For further information contact:

Kevin McFarlane: M: 0418 297 704, W: 9725 7677

## CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WISDOM OF BENEDICTINE WOMEN

*A Retreat Facilitated by Carmel Posa sgs.*

Throughout the ages there have been many Benedictine women who have shared the wisdom they have acquired in their search for God. This weekend retreat will reflect on this wisdom using the writing and lives of St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, St Leoba German Benedictine missionary of the 8<sup>th</sup> Century, Heloise of the Paraclete, acclaimed abbess of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, Dorothy Day, Benedictine Oblate and Peace activist of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Joan Chittester, Benedictine of our time.

## MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE.

**Date:** Friday Evening 18 May- Sunday 20 May.

**Cost:** \$300 (Includes all meals, program materials and accommodation for 2 nights)

**Bookings by:** Friday 11 May

**email:** [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au)

**Phone:** 8752 5390

**Where:** 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Rd.

## 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](mailto:dr-p@live.com.au)

## BAPTISM WELCOME



We welcome the Goodwin, Hort and Brotherston families who are preparing for the baptism of their children: Lillian Marie Lorraine, Harry Thomas and Ainsleigh Brotherston. As the people of God in this community, we pray for these children and ask for God's guidance

and blessing on these families as they are preparing for this celebration and for teaching the ways in which the new Christian can come to know the love of God.



## PROJECT COMPASSION

THANK YOU for supporting Project compassion 2018. If you want to donate or still

have your Project compassion box or set of envelopes at home. please bring them back as soon as possible.

## 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](mailto:relliottaus@gmail.com). See you there!

## CATHOLIC OUTLOOK SURVEY

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about *CatholicOutlook*. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

## Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
  - Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta
- More details at: [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)
- Garden Crew Supervisor - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills
- More details at: [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)
- Youth Co-ordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes

More details at: [www.olqp.org.au](http://www.olqp.org.au)

## SUPERHERO MINISTRY: 21 APRIL

Special YEAR OF YOUTH event! The safety, well-being, protection and support of vulnerable children, youth and young adults in our Church and beyond is everyone's priority. Join us for an epic day that celebrates, nurtures and challenges YOU - our SUPERHEROS! All content will be presented in light of the recent report handed down by the Royal Commission and our discerned response as the Diocese of Parramatta. All are welcome, no matter what age or role you play with minors or vulnerable people in our Diocese. Come and be part of training in 'dialogue and sharing' with CYP and the Office for Safeguarding! Free event with lunch provided. 10am-4pm, Rooty Hill RSL. Register at [www.catholicyouthparramatta.org](http://www.catholicyouthparramatta.org)

## **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.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419

## **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](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au) or 02 9670 8222.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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](http://www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018) or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE - 8 AUGUST 2018 BBI -ACBC CONFERENCE**

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)**

## **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 )

## **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](http://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](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

## **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](http://www.parrawyd.org) or contact James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta - [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

## **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!