

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



29th April 2018
Fifth 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
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Gospel Reflection

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer. The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world. Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance. © Dianne Bergant CSS

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. Eric Burton, Dorothea Ellis, Sylvette Marsh, Scarlet Paisley, Afifi Elchaar, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Leon Abood, Tim Coakley, Stan Burgin and Effie Christodoulou.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: William Lum, Charles Stanton, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, and Olga Gialanze

PLEASE REMEMBER RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Dulhunty (Funeral Mass CTK Fri 4 May 10:30am).

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.

PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM REMINDER

The first session for all children and parents will commence at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2 May at Mary MacKillop Hall. A meeting for the facilitators of the program will be held prior to the first session in the school library commencing at 6:30 pm. If, for a significant reason, children and parents are unable to attend this meeting please let the parish office know on 9871 8710 before the session begins.

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!

This Week's Reading 29 April 2018 5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

Next Week's Reading 6 May 2018 6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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

29 APRIL - 5th Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 28 April 6.00 pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Sue Veling Inge Wienker	Jeremy Thaman	John Lacey Gillian Mobbs	Dorothea Price
SUNDAY 29 April 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Tony Hughes Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron	Mike Yates
SUNDAY 29 April 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Bosci	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban	Jennifer Alphonse Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

COUNTER Group 1- Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael NG, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 3- Barbara Haddad

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

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

6 May—6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 5 May 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Dawn Peat	Veronica Chacty	Mario Azzopardi Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
SUNDAY 6 May 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Aubon Fernando	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cate Jo9seph James Kinsella Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
SUNDAY 6 May 10 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	David Cook	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 2- keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 4- Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

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

SCHOOL RETURNS

CTK children return to school this Tuesday 1 May. CTK teachers have a pupil free day on Monday 30 April. Students at St Patrick's College, Dundas return on Monday, 30 April.

OFFICE HOURS AT CHRIST THE KING.

Parishioners, please note, the parish office is open Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm and on Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm.

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

HILLS REGION CCD MASS

The Confraternity of Christian doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta invites all special religious education teachers and their families in the Hills region to celebrate a Mass at Christ the King Church, North Rocks on Tuesday, 15 May beginning at 7:30 PM. Training course and years of service certificates will be presented at the conclusion of Mass followed by a light supper.

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

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

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

Next week, The Catholic Foundation is launching its May Appeal which will focus on our collective works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians.

A donation to The Catholic Foundation is not only a gift to support our growing number of seminarians, which is deeply valued and needed, but also supports the good works they do in the community – including feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick, and conducting catechises in state schools.

Our Quota for each Appeal is **\$7,627.00**. Your donation will be a gift that keeps on giving.

Envelopes will be available for you to take home to consider becoming an Ambassador of Faith, by committing to a \$7 monthly donation – that's less than \$2 per week.

Alternatively, you may like to visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au and donate online.

For more information, or to donate online, please visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au or call 02 8838 3482

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

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!

CTK LIGHT - WE COULD BE HEROES

For young people in years 6-11, join us on Friday nights from 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the Hall to participate in a genuine community of young people learning about their faith while having a blast at the same time! Our first evening for Term 2 begins on the 4th May with a Movie Night! See you there!

PALM AUSTRALIA

If you're thinking about volunteering overseas in 2019, we encourage you to join us on one of our upcoming volunteer information sessions.

The sessions are an opportunity to find out what Palms Australia does, what volunteering involves, current opportunities available, and to have any questions answered. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available. Our next volunteer information sessions will be held on the following dates:

Parramatta: Saturday 26 May 2018, 9:00am-10:00am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta

Sydney: Thursday 31 May 2018, 5:45-7:00pm, St Peter Julian's Catholic Church, Church Hall, 432 Sussex Street
You can RSVP or find out more by emailing palms@palms.org.au or calling us 02 9560 5333.

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

SAVE THE DATE - 8 AUG 2018 BBI—E.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)**

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN: 5 MAY

Reflection Day for Women, Fairlight Rd, Mt Schoenstatt hosted by Sr Mary Louise. Saturday 5 May from 9.30 am – 3.00pm. Cost: \$25 BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. Register: info@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338.

ANNUAL REUNION OF THE FAIRFIELD PATRICIAN BROTHERS OLD BOYS UNION

Date: Friday 1st June, 2018- Venue: Cabra-Vale Diggers Club- RSVP: 25th May, 2018- Special Guests include: Bros. Bernard, Aengus, Mark, Charles & Dominic Special invitation is extended to the class of '68 who are celebrating their 50th year of leaving school We would also like to congratulate the Patrician Brothers on their 65th Anniversary in Fairfield For further information contact:

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

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 GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP—CTK

The Good Neighbour Group will resume meetings on 3rd May 2018, 10.30-1.00pm. All welcome

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 8th Century, Heloise of the Paraclete, acclaimed abbess of the 12th Century, Dorothy Day, Benedictine Oblate and Peace activist of the 20th 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

Phone: 8752 5390

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

WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: In the Wesley Uniting Church grounds at 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.

Dates/Times: Friday May 4th 2018 (operating from **8:00am to 1:00pm**) and Saturday May 5th 2018 (also operating from **8:00am to 1:00pm**)

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Furniture, Manchester, Plants, Toys, White Elephant, Jewellery, Fine Art and China etc.

We will also be providing refreshments (tea, coffee and cake) during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

Due to current roadworks in the area, **parking** will be **PROHIBITED** on **both sides** of **Showground Road**. Parking on the north side of Showground Road will be possible in Kentwell Avenue, Worthing Avenue or Castle Street, whilst on the south side parking will be possible in Cheriton Avenue or Cecil Avenue.

OAKHILL COLLEGE— YEAR 11, 2019 GIRLS

Applications for enrolment into **Year 11, 2019 for girls** close on **Friday, 18 May 2018**. Interviews will take place on Friday, 1 June 2018. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their daughters in Year 11 at Oakhill College in 2019, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing date **Friday 18 May** on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au.