

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



6 May 2018
Sixth 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 boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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BISHOP VINCENT LONG

You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

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

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

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

Next Week's Reading 13 May 2018 The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

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

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 Joseph James Kinsella Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
SUNDAY 6 May 10.00 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

13 May—The Ascension of the LORD

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 12 May 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Jeremy Thaman	Peter Blyth Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
SUNDAY 13 May 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Jamie Hoban Lorraine murphy	Mike Yates
SUNDAY 13 May 10 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Ken Coorey	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Ilana Blazevic Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Dominic Wong

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

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5- Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

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

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

Find out what is "authentic manhood" and discover the true meaning of your role, the way GOD meant it to be!

Challenges of being a man of God and what is required (for single and married men)

Monday 7th MAY

7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Cost: \$20 per person
(cost includes food and drink)

Christ The King Parish
Mary MacKillop Hall

 KINGSMEN
PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS



Guest speaker
Robert Falzon
will share his
life journey and
your fatherhood
responsibilities

Bookings essential
SMS your name to
0408 678 922

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.

FORMATION 2018

Formation 2018 presented by 'Live Christ Share Christ' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta have been holding monthly formation talks for the past eighteen months. Topics have included: Sacraments, An Introduction & Overview of the Gospel of Mark, The Temptation of Jesus (Mark) and weekly Lenten reflections. Our speakers are clergy from the Diocese of Parramatta and other special guests. Sessions alternate from Friday nights to Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be included on our mailing list for upcoming talks, please email Pat, Parish Secretary on secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP: 12 MAY

Each year Bishop Vincent hosts a breakfast with youth and young adults from across the Diocese of Parramatta. Attendees have an incredible opportunity to listen to the yearly vision of our Bishop and ask him questions about the challenges they are facing and the priorities they have identified for the year ahead, in their local context. The event is also a chance for the team at Catholic Youth Parramatta to motivate and encourage a successful year of ministry with young people. Further details at www.parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-breakfast/

TAIZE RETREAT AND PRAYER: 27 MAY

Br Ghislain from the Taize Community in France will be visiting Sydney and Bathurst in May. For young adults: St Mary's Catholic Church, Miller St, North Sydney - half day prayer/workshop on 27 May 10am-3pm. Contact: Carmen (02) 6334 6407

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation appeal is due this week 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. Please give generously. 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.

Envelopes will be collected during mass, and donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. You may also like to donate online by visiting yourcatholicfoundation.org.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 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!

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)**

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

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

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.

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.

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

ST PATRICK'S MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT & AFTERNOON TEA: 13 MAY

Stuck for a gift for your mum or grandmother for Mother's Day? Or just like to treat yourself? Members of St Patrick's Cathedral Choir are once again going to delight us with the gift of their voices. This will be followed by a complimentary 'Afternoon Tea' in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be in the audience, please contact Pat/Donna from the Parish Office on 8839 8400/8412 or email enquiry@stpatcathedral.com.au. Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$10 Concession, \$25 Family. All proceeds go to St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta. From 3pm.

POSITIONS VACANT

• **Risk Officer** - Chancery Office, Parramatta

• **Interviewer** - Tribunal Office, Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

• **Garden Crew Supervisor** - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

• **Youth Co-ordinator** - Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes

More details at: www.olqp.org.au

• **Assistant Bookkeeper** - St John 23rd Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens

More details at: www.john23rd.com