

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



13 May 2018
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 YEAR B



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Gospel Reflection

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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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: Fr. Eric Burton, Dorothea Ellis, Sylvette Marsh, Scarlet Paisley, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Tim Coakley, Stan Burgin and Effie Christodoulou.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Catherine Young Joseph Dinh Han; Giuse Nguyen Van Nu; Tony, Soraya and Morrie Khalife; Phillip and Yvonne Boulous; Tony Boulous; Lorna Stephens and John and Maree George.

PLEASE REMEMBER RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rosemary Marshall, Ross Lebeck and Archbishop Leonard Faulknard (Emeritus Arch. of Adelaide)

MOTHER'S DAY INTENTION PRAYER:

Edna Maher, Phoebe Costello



A Mother's Day Prayer

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of our Mothers. We acknowledge our Mothers as co-creators with you in their role as life-givers and life-nurturers.

We ask you God, to bless and protect these

Mothers, who reflect your love and care in our world.

Through the gift of Motherhood, may all Mothers experience the love and appreciation of their children and know that you, God of Love, care deeply for all who reflect your generosity and love in our world. We ask this blessing through Jesus, your Son. Amen

To our Mothers, we wish you all a Happy Mother's Day and thank you for loving us, for meeting our childhood needs and for reminding us what our greatest needs really are!

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 13 May 2018 The Ascension of the LORD
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

Next Week's Reading 20 May 2018 PENTECOST Sunday
Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5: 16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

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 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Ken Coorey	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Kathryn Gaudron	Ilana Blazevic Leila Safy Natasha	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

20 May—PENTECOST SUNDAY

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 19 May 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	John Khoudair Dawn Peat	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Gerianne Sadaya	Isabelle Chacty
SUNDAY 20 May 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Davide Collins	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	James kinsella Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Zhao
SUNDAY 20 May 10 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	John Colman	Ian McMqaster Sam Safy	David Cook	Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Cecilie McCarron	Carla Manasan Darren So

COUNTER Group 4- Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 6- Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 4- Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti

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

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

On the weekend of **2/3 June**, the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ, 57 young members of our parish community will be initiated into the ongoing life of the Church by receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This will occur at the 3 parish Masses - Sat 6pm, Sun 8am and 10 am. It is important that the parish is part of this celebration and a reminder to us all that they are being initiated into the ongoing sacramental life of the parish at Sunday Mass, not a once in a lifetime event. It is an occasion for the parish community to minister to them in our parish liturgy. It's a time for the whole assembly to welcome these children to the table of the Lord. Whilst there may be some inconvenience to the regular worshipping community (e.g. parking & seating positions) the joy of welcoming them will hopefully outweigh this. The children and their families will sit in the centre 2 blocks of Christ the King Church. The pews reserved will have the children's names on them. Ushers will be at all Masses to assist. Communion will be distributed initially to the first Communicants down the centre aisle. Special Ministers of Holy Communion will then distribute Communion to other family members and parishioners at the side aisles & centre of the Church. Your cooperation is appreciated on this weekend. The school gates will be opened to allow access to the Church from parking in Burradoo Cl and Bowral St.

FATHER IAN'S ANNUAL LEAVE—NO WEEKDAY MASSES ADVANCED NOTICE

Father Ian will be taking annual holidays from 3 June returning to the parish on 3 July. He has been able to organise supply priests for the weekend (Saturday morning and Sunday masses) but has been unable to secure a priest for the weekday Mass timetable. Communion services will be arranged for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Tuesday evening Masses have been cancelled during the month of June.

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

Stuck for a gift for your mum or grandmother for Mother's Day today? 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@stpatscathedral.com.au. Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$10 Concession, \$25 Family. All proceeds go to St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta. From 3pm.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Extra volunteers are needed to help clean the Church. You will be rostered once every six weeks. Every week a group of dedicated Church Cleaning Volunteers meets to dust, vacuuming and care for the interior of the church to ensure that our sanctuary and adjoining areas are kept in pristine condition. It is a great Ministry working "behind the scenes" but their work does not go unrecognised by the majority of people who benefit from their sacrifices. If you would like to volunteer, **please contact the Parish Office or call Brian Euhus on 9873 5603**



THANK YOU

The Franciscan Friars are grateful for your generous donation of **\$2,729 for the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.**

REMINDER—SPRING FAIR MEETING

Next Spring Fair Meeting on Thursday, **May 17 at 7.30pm in the CTK Staffroom.** Please send through any questions you may have, areas you'd like to address in the upcoming meeting and any messages you'd like added to school and parish bulletins or our Facebook page. Looking forward to seeing you all. Rita Milic

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation appeal focus on our collective works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians, Centacare and the need of the community— feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick, and conducting catechises in state schools.

Thanks to all the people who generously contributed last week. A donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. Our Quota for each Appeal is **\$7,627.00**. The amount raised last week is **\$2189.95**.

Envelopes are available to take home and bring back next week or consider a regular monthly gift and become part of the Living Faith Society. You may also like to donate online by visiting yourcatholicfoundation.org.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.

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: 20 MAY

You are invited to our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Days for 2018 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday 20 May. Arrival time at the monastery is from 10am for a 10:30am start. Conclusion is around 3pm. Mass is celebrated at 2pm. There will be presentations and periods of meditation with the opportunity of an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers. Bring your own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Registration is on the day. There is no set charge, a donation may be made for the monks. There may be accommodation available at the Monastery Guest House enquiries to Br Terry Cavanagh on 0438 282 318. Other enquiries to Ann Bergman anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas 02 9456 4775 atlomas@bigpond.com



CONGRATULATION

The Parish community congratulate Nicole and Mark Ryan and their relatives and friends who are present today for the Baptism of their four children Mia, Chanelle,

Summer and Chloe. May God bless you all with a wonderful and long lasting faith. Congratulation to the family on this holy occasion.

CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email of any changes to your credit card number/expiry date or direct debit account.

Thank you for your ongoing support

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have changed your email address or now have a email address, could you please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible. **Thank you**

ONLINE GIVING

Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Please call the Parish Office for the BSB and Account number for the Parish or Catholic Foundation Appeal.

BEQUESTS

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support.

A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime.

In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other Parish property or put the gift towards building a new church or refurbishing their existing one. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.

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.

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 10am-3pm. Call: Carmen (02) 6334 6407

TAIZE RETREAT AND PRAYER: 25 - 26 MAY

Br Ghislain from the Taize Community in France will be visiting Sydney and Bathurst in May. Bathurst - Two-day retreat at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Perthville (Bathurst), on Friday 25 May - Saturday 26 May. Contact and information: Carmen Ph: (02) 6334 6407 or Email: taizeretreatbathurst@gmail.com

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

This support group gathers monthly for men and women widowed under 60. **Next Gathering: Tuesday 15th May** Time: 7pm -9pm **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Cost:** \$5 Registration essential: Contact Rita on 8843 2575

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!

ANNUAL SEMINAR - MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services hosts a Information Seminar to help people understand the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested. **Venue:** St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (on site parking via Victoria Rd). **Date:** Wednesday 16th May **Time:** 7pm - 9pm. **Registration Essential:** PH: 8843 2575 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au