

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS



24th June 2018  
*The Nativity of*  
*St. John the Baptist*  
 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  
**Playgroup:** Fri 9.30 to 11.30  
 During School Term

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### *Gospel Reflection*

Like the feast of the nativity of Jesus, this feast falls on one of the solstices, a hinge point in the cosmos. Some of the patristic writings tell us that the birth of Jesus was placed in the calendar when, in the northern hemisphere, the days began to lengthen. So this day was chosen to celebrate the birth of John precisely because the days were getting shorter. 'He must increase while I must decrease' (John 3:30). This is the time of seasonal change, of cosmic reversal. The entire universe has been alerted. Something new is about to happen.

John the Baptist is the hinge between the old age and the new eschatological age of fulfilment. John himself was never a disciple of Jesus; he did not enter the age that he heralded. He was the trumpet that sounded the coming of the king; he was the rooster that announced the dawning of the new day. He brought the people to the threshold of the new age, but he himself never stepped over into it. The idiosyncratic character of his life caught the attention of the crowds, but he did not keep this attention upon himself. Instead, he used it to point to Jesus, who appears to have been so commonplace that he might have been overlooked had not John cried out. It was John's prophetic destiny to be the sharp-edged sword, the polished arrow. He was the voice that cried in the wilderness: Hear me! Listen! Behold, he is coming!

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#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 18th August 2018 at 9am Mass.**

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:**

**THE SICK :** John Peat, Afifi Elchaar, Fr. Eric Burton, Dorothea Ellis , Sylvette Marsh, Scarlet Paisley, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Tim Coakley, Stan Burgin, Effie Christodoulou and

#### **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**

Gai Perosin, Giuse Nguyen VAN NU, John Hanna Harb and all the deceased members of the Harb family.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Slobodan Bozanic (Parishioner) Obdulia Haber (mother of Fr. Dado Haber MI of the Camillian community in Wentworthville).



#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

At all Masses this weekend, St Vincent de Paul will be conducting its annual Winter Appeal. Your generous donations help us to provide much-needed assistance to the needy in our community providing them with food, furniture, clothing and help with energy bills. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please help us make a difference to the lives of the poor in our community.

**This week's Reading: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
 Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

**Next week's Reading— Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Wisdom 1:13-15; 2: 23-24; 2Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

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

### 24 June—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>Saturday</b> 23 June 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Rod Haddad Gerard Sadaya	Jeremy Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs	Dorothea Price
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24 June 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Mario Azzopardi James Kinsella Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24 June 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	John Colman	Ian McMaster Sam SAFY	Jamie Hoban	Cheryl Collins Cate Joseph Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

**COUNTER Group 2-** Keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 2-** Gillian Mobbs, Barbara Haddad

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

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

### 1 July —Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> 30 June 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Paul rankin	Aubon Fernando	Sue veling Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	John Lacey Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>SUNDAY</b> 1 July 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Jennifer Alphonse Julie Elliott	Jo-anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey James Kinsella Rosemary	Pauline Zhao
<b>SUNDAY</b> 2 July 10 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	David Collins	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	David Cook	Lisa Hoban Marea Mooney Dianne Vogt	Darren So Wea Yeung

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 3-** Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

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

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

### FATHER IAN'S ANNUAL LEAVE -NO WEEKDAY MASSES

If you urgently require a priest whilst Father Ian is away contact the parish office during office hours or after hours contact our neighbouring parishes of Baulkham Hills (9639 0598) or Castle Hill (9634 2622).

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, commencing at 7.30pm. In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy we will conduct a parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for the children to receive this sacrament.

A prerequisite of children being confirmed is that they have already received First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised in Eastern Rite (Uniate Churches, e.g. Maronite, Melchite, Ukrainian, Chaldean etc.) may have already been confirmed at Baptism and do not need to participate in this programme if this is the case.

**Children in grade Five and above are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.**

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program will be explained and any questions answered.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is vital that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

### **YOUTH MINISTER—CO-ORDINATOR CASUAL, 10 HOURS/WK**

Christ the King Catholic Parish, North Rocks is seeking a dynamic and enthusiastic youth minister to lead the existing team of youth and young adult volunteers. The successful applicant will support the development and day-to-day running of youth activities in the parish.

Experience in youth ministry and/or parish youth groups is an essential requirement.

We are looking for a person with excellent interpersonal and communication skills who enjoys working with youth of all ages. Very good written skills and sound time management skills are essential. The successful candidate will support the teachings of the Catholic church and the ethos of the Parish and Diocese.

To apply submit your CV with a cover letter, Working with Children Check documentation and three referees (one of which being a parish priest).

For further enquiries regarding the job description please contact Brad Vergano, [bradvervano@gmail.com](mailto:bradvervano@gmail.com)

For a full Job Description and to submit your application, please contact the Parish office (Phone: 98718710 | Email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)). Applications close 3 July, 2018

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

[The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the world either on 29 June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity.](#)



This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

**Parishioners, please pick up your set of Planned Giving**

**Envelopes** which starts from July 2018 to June 2019 to correspond with the end of financial year.

Please use the envelope which shows the CURRENT SUNDAY'S DATE.

**Your envelope number may have**

**changed from July for practical and cost effective reasons with the aim to allow the numbers to run in numerical order and prevent throw away unused envelopes in the sequence.**

If you do not have envelopes but would like to receive a set, please contact the Parish Office.

Consider a monthly contribution by credit card or a periodic payment. Some parishioners are doing this already. For added convenience, we also have available a direct debit system. Thank you for your support.

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2Cor 9:7

### **ADORATION EVENING AT CTK - MONDAY 2ND JULY**

Too often in our busy lives we get caught up in the rush of our day to day. Why not take some time away from the hustle and bustle and spend an evening with Jesus?! The youth of parish would like to minister to you in an evening of prayer, worship and Eucharistic adoration which will be followed by a light supper. The evening



will begin at 7.30pm to be concluded by 9pm. For more information please contact Julia Hoban.

[Julia.hoban2016@gmail.com](mailto:Julia.hoban2016@gmail.com)

### **LIFTED RETREAT 2018 "COMPLETE JOY": 6-8 JULY**

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join us in this Year of Youth open new horizons in our hearts for spreading joy. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life to be with the Source of all joy: Jesus! Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18-35 year-olds, \$95 per person. Register at [parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat](http://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat)

### **RESERVE THE DATE**

Bishop Vincent has accepted the invitation to celebrate mass with our community on the vigil of **the feast of Christ the King, Saturday, 24 November 2018** beginning at 6pm with a social event to be held in the hall after Mass. More details will come later.



## CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

volunteers are needed to help clean the Church. You will be rostered once every six weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish

Office or call Brian Euhus on **9873 5603**

## AV OPERATORS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT 6PM MASS

We are currently looking for volunteers from parishioners with basic knowledge of PowerPoint to assist in slide operations at Mass and to work together with the musician on roster. For further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office or Darren So—Email: [soejd@hotmail.com](mailto:soejd@hotmail.com)—Mobile: 0410 416 063

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Looking for singers and keyboard/pianists to lead in song for rostered times at the 10am Mass.

For further enquiries, please contact: Darren So  
Email: [soejd@hotmail.com](mailto:soejd@hotmail.com)—Mobile: 0410 416 063

### **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.**

### **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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2018

A Liturgical Ministry course will be running in August and September at the Catholic Institute for Mission. Parishioners who may like to undertake this valuable ministry, (Ministers of the Word—Ministers of Communion—Communion to the Sick and Dying) Please complete the form in the foyer and return to the Parish office.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 17-19 AUGUST

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: 17-19 August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0400 963 011 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

## MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE: 29 JUNE

The Labyrinth is an ancient way or path of pilgrimage leading to a deeper understanding of the continuing call of our Creator God into the transforming, all embracing presence of transcendent light and love. In this one-day workshop we invite you to experience the meditative walking of the Labyrinth itself and the peace, healing and wholeness it can bring you. 29 June 10.00am-3.00pm with facilitator Ralph Kershler. Cost: \$30 Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. Reserve your place by email [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) or phone 02 8752 5390

## ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at [www.acymc.org.au](http://www.acymc.org.au). The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23.

Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

## AT THE WELL: 29 JUNE

Young women are invited to an informal and intimate gathering to encourage dialogue on topics such faith, love, career and life. Guests include Sr Rosie Drum, Malia Lolesio and Joy Adan. Friday 29 June from 7pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. \$5 entry. Tickets are limited and registrations required at [parracatholic.org/the-well](http://parracatholic.org/the-well). Contact Qwayne, Local Engagement Leader, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information on 02 8838 3481 or [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

## CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CatholicCare CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.