

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS



19 August 2018  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary*  
*Time*  
**YEAR B**



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
**Parish Secretary:** Nadine Lucas  
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**Youth Coordinator:** Adam Chioatto

**School Principal:** Tony Hughes  
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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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### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 17th November 2018 at 9am Mass.**

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

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**

Eileen Cummins, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Francesco and Caterina Rodi, Judy Palmer, Brian Joyce and William Floyd.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Br Mark Murphy, Ron Bruce, Paul Kennedy and Margaret Cook.

### *Gospel Reflection*

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the LORD, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

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### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The final home group sessions are concluding this week and all facilitators should have returned to the parish locked box the names of the candidates' sponsors and their chosen saints' name. It is **essential** that parents bring their children to the **practice for the ceremony on Wednesday, 29 August in the Church at 7pm.** If for some **emergency reason** families cannot attend the practice it is **imperative** that they notify the parish office on 9871 8710. The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 55 children in our Parish on **Wednesday 5 September at 7:30pm.** It will be administered by Monsignor Peter Williams V.G. On the weekend of the 8/9 September at all Sunday masses certificates will be presented to the newly confirmed at the masses that families have nominated.

**This week's Reading: Twentieth Sunday in Ord. Time**  
Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

**Next week's Reading— Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time**  
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

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

### 19 August—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>18 August</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Aubon Fernando	Georgette Rissmiller Sue Veling	Sitara Thaman	Ilana Blazevic Sue DeCourcy Lisa Hoban John lacey	Dorothea Price
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>19 August</b> <b>8.00 am</b>	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Christine Kinsella Anne-Marie Makin Rosemary	Mike Yates
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>19 August</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Kathryn Gaudron	Jamie Hoban Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Darren So Wea Yeung

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY Group 1-** Lesli Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

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

**CHURCH CLEANING Group 2-** Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Helena Rouman

### 26 August —Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>25 August</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>26 August</b> <b>8.00 am</b>	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	John Colman	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>26 August</b> <b>10 am</b>	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	David Collins	Ian McMaster Sam SAFY	Jamie Hoban	Ilana Blazevic Cate Joseph Lorraine Murphy Jenny Roddy	Julia Hoban

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

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

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

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The process of initiation for children into the parish community of the faithful is celebrated in three sacramental moments: Baptism, First reception of the Eucharist and Confirmation. **All** children (whether they attend Catholic or State schools) in our parish, prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Year 3), First Eucharist (Year 4) and Confirmation (Year 5/6) in a program that is **parish based** (not school based) and **family centred**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a prerequisite for First Eucharist (for children in Year 3 and above) and will begin with a Parent Information Evening to be held in our parish church on **Thursday, 6 September**, commencing at **7.30pm**. The program will be explained, and any questions answered as well as directions about the enrolment procedure.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is important for parents/guardians only to attend this meeting.

## WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS



Christ the King Parish Community welcome the Sakkal and Tanedo Family and their children Jacob Andrew Sakkal and Bridget Dian Tanedo who are

going to be baptised next week. We trust that you will be given help and support from this community on your journey of faith and may the Lord continue to bless you and guide you in this special step that you have taken in your life.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: 1 SEPTEMBER

Join with other men to explore strategies for: What is Courage? How do we build authentic relationships? What is commitment? Saturday, 1 September at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe  
Registration: \$60 Early Bird \$48 (11 August). Find out more: [www.sydneycatholicmen.com/conference](http://www.sydneycatholicmen.com/conference) or contact Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441. A collaborative of men from Brothersoul (Schoenstatt Men), menALIVE, The Catenian Association, Knights of the Southern Cross, The Men of St Joseph and Catholic Men's Fellowship.

## DAD'S SUPPORT GROUP: 28 AUGUST

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit [playgroupnsw.org.au](http://playgroupnsw.org.au) or [mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au). Tea & Coffee provided.

## PARISH SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

Our parish secretary, Nadine Lucas, will be taking 2 weeks annual leave from Monday, 20 August. She will be returning on Monday 3 September. If the phone is unanswered please leave a message and Fr Ian will get back to you.

## CTK YOUTH MINISTRY

**This term:** I want to thank the parents and teens for their patience and understanding last Friday in having to postpone CTK Light due to the schools movie night. No doubt you are looking forward to this week, as we continue looking at New Testament Characters, this **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** we look at Zacchaeus, and how we can overcome our challenges and get the attention of Jesus. **Next Friday 31<sup>st</sup>**, we look forward to hearing more about The Samaritan Woman at the Well.

## 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)

## CATALYST FOR RENEWAL: 7 SEPTEMBER

Catalyst for Renewal Dinner - 7 September at 7.30pm, Villa Maria Parish Hall, Corner Mary St & Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill. Speaker: John Allen. Topic: "Pope Francis and His Critics" – A Vatican Insiders View. Tickets \$60 ph.

Reservations essential. For bookings, Phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), Email: [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au)

## VOCATION WEEKEND FOR MEN (18-35yrs)

### 24-26th AUGUST 2018

Live the Gospel! Build the Kingdom! Share the Joy! Change the world with us!

The Capuchin Friars are inviting single Catholic men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood/religious life to come for a discernment retreat weekend. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is free/optional donation but you must register by 20th August.

Contact Father Thomas: [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### LECTURE: 2 SEPTEMBER

Professor Mark McKenna - Faith at "World's End": Father Angelo Confalonieri and the first Catholic Mission to Northern Australia. Visit the ACHS website for more information. [www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au)

## 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- 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—Mobile: 0410 416 063

## JOB SEEKING

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

### **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 new 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.



## VINNIES NSW DROUGHT APPEAL

With 99% of New South Wales affected by drought, Vinnies has launched its NSW Drought Appeal to raise vital funds for rural communities in need.

The difficulties and hardships for farmers and their livestock caused by this drought will have ongoing ramifications for the affected communities.

Through your kind donation via <https://www.vinnies.org.au/donate> Vinnies will be involved in the recovery of these communities, helping to keep the hard-working farms of the NSW regional area afloat as they care for their land, their livestock and crops, and most importantly their families, with financial aid and emotional support.

## SUPPORT VINNIES WINTER SLEEPOUT

Vinnies Western Sydney Community Sleepout is happening on **Thursday 30 August** at Western Sydney University's Parramatta Campus. Rachel Elliott is representing North Rocks Vinnies Conference at this event to raise awareness and funds for the homeless in our local community. Vinnies Western Sydney have set up a fundraising page and you can log on to support Rachel at <https://nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/RachelElliott4>. Over 105,000 Australians experience homelessness each night. Half of these people are women and a quarter are young people under the age of 18. Your generous support of the Vinnies Sleepout can help to break the cycle of homelessness. Thanks for your support!

## CREATING A SAFE CHURCH: 31 AUGUST - 1 SEP

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via [parracatholic.org/safechurch](http://parracatholic.org/safechurch)

## SEMINAR – UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is holding a two session Seminar on "Understanding Family Law". These sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018**.

**Session 1: 10am – 12pm** – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs.

**Session 2: 1pm -3pm** – Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property Settlements.

**Venue:** St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Entry and onsite parking via Boom gate on Victoria Rd. **Cost:** \$10.00 per session. **Registration Essential:** PH: 8843 2575 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)