

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



2nd September 2018
*Twenty second Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
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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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, Delphine Ferreira and Stan Burgin.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Mervin (Funeral OLOR Kellyville Tues 4 Sept 11am)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
Jenni Haskard (2nd anniv 3 Sept), Tessie Cordina

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DECEASED:
Margaret Bagster, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Bill Costello, Simon Khoury, Melhelm William Kaddis and all deceased Fathers.

Gospel Reflection

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

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Happy Fathers Day! Blessing for Fathers

Creator and Loving God, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless our Dads, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their daughters and sons, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our God, **Amen.**

This week's Reading: Twenty-second Sunday in Ord. Time: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next week's Reading– Twenty-third Sunday in Ord. Time: Isaiah 35: 4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7: 31-37

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

2 September—Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 1 September 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Sitara Thaman	Maria Bietola Ilana Blazevic Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
SUNDAY 2 September 8.00 am	John Colman Christine Kinsella	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	James Kinsella Anne-Marie Makin CecilieMcCarron Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
SUNDAY 2 September 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Jamie Hoban	Margaret Coakley Jenny Roddy Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Darren So Wea Yeung

COUNTER Group 5- Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy
ALTAR SOCIETY Group 3- Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 3- Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher
CHURCH CLEANING Group 4- CTK school Mum Group 4

9th September—Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 8 September 6.00 pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ken Coorey	John Khoudair Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Jamie Hoban John Lacey Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
SUNDAY 9 September 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Christine Kinsella Jui-May Lee Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
SUNDAY 9 September 10 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Harst	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Kathryn Gaudron	Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Dianne Vogt Rosemary Wickham	Dominic Wong

COUNTER Group 6- Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci
ALTAR SOCIETY Group 4- Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 4- Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney
CHURCH CLEANING Group 5- Mark & Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, Mariana Tomasovic

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, *The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy*, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation.

Last year, through your generosity we reached the target with donations totalling \$205,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held this weekend.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at www.csfparra.org.au using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 01691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to csf@parracatholic.org with your details.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2018. Thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

This term: We continue looking at the interaction between Jesus and New Testament Characters. Last week we heard about the Samaritan Woman at the Well this **Friday 7th at 7:30pm** we look at the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and how we can become better neighbours. **Next Friday 14th**, we look forward to hearing more about Mary. Which one? Stay tuned and or come along to find out. **For more information?** Please contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

SPRING FAIR

Only 2 weeks to go! **Saturday, 15 September 10 am-3pm** Signup sheets for volunteers to assist on various stores at periods of time on the Saturday will be available next week. If anyone has a flat top truck that could be used for the chocolate wheel all day Saturday could they contact the parish or school office. Flyers will be available again to distribute in your area to assist in promoting the day.

FR IAN AWAY

Fr Ian will be attending the biannual National Council of Priests of Australia convention in Canberra from Monday, 10th to Friday 14th September. The theme of this convention is "Being Catholic in Australia today ... after the Royal Commission and before the Plenary Council 2020". Due to his absence there will be **no Mass on Tuesday evening 11th** September and Communion services will be held on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th mornings. If, in emergency, a priest is required during Fr Ian's absence please contact our neighbouring parishes.

OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, 5 September 2018. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2020. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOP: 5 SEPTEMBER

This workshop will be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown from 7.30-9pm. To register contact the Office For Worship: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or phone :028838 3456. This is an important evening for all those assisting with Children's Liturgy in their Parish.

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.

BENEDICT'S TOOLS FOR PEACE: 8 SEPTEMBER

This day of reflection will immerse you in the ancient wisdom of the Rule of St Benedict, who in his "little rule for beginners" provides practical tools for living a life of peace with oneself and the world. We invite you to come and explore Benedict's way to peace in a day of prayer and reflection. 8 September, 10am-3pm. Gold Coin Donation, Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. RSVP via mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 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. 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

MEET & GREET PALMS VOLUNTEERS *Considering volunteering?*

Relax at the **2773 Glenbrook** and find out what life was like for Kristine and Lukas, volunteers who spent two years assisting disability services and advocacy in Timor Leste.

Meet and Greet us-Saturday 22 Sept 2:30pm 2773 Café 19 Ross Street, GLENBROOK NSW 2773

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: 9 SEPTEMBER

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: 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

WALKING WITH REFUGEES: 8 SEPTEMBER

Walking with refugees and people seeking protection: the Diocesan journey continues with a celebration lunch on 8 September from 11:45-2:30pm. To be held at Patrician Brothers, Blacktown. Come together to hear stories and share our stories and successes, learn about what's happening right now for refugees and people seeking protection and explore what we can do together over the next 12 months. For more information call the Social Justice Office on 02 8838 3458 or visit: <https://bit.ly/2nCTrWA> . The House of Welcome Asylum Seeker Social Enterprise are catering for this event Payment \$25 Cash on the day as a donation and to cover cost to House of Welcome.