

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



9th September 2018
*Twenty third Sunday in
 Ordinary Time*
 YEAR B



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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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VALE FR BURTON 24.10. 1925-5.9.2018

Dear parishioners,

Father Eric Burton, Christ the King's founding Pastor, passed away on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at our Lady of the Rosary Village, Yennora around 3 PM. I saw him in the morning and assured him of your prayers. He died peacefully. He was a faithful



and good priest for 68 years. Father Eric was born on 24 October 1925 (just short of his 93rd birthday). He was ordained a priest with his brother Kevin on 22 July 1950. He was appointed founding Parish Priest of Christ the King, North Rocks on the 3 February 1970 and retired from that position on 5 March 2011. He remained at North Rocks until 24 August 2015 when he moved into Rosary Village

His funeral Mass will take place at Christ the King Church on Tuesday, 18 September beginning at 11 AM. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Vincent, Bishop of Parramatta.

Father Eric will be buried with his brother Father Kevin at Rookwood cemetery. For parishioners and friends who cannot attend the funeral, a Vigil Liturgy (not a Mass) will take place on Monday evening, 17 September, at Christ the King Church, North Rocks beginning at 7:30 PM.

Your assistance will be required to help organise these two liturgies and to provide for the many people who wish to gather to celebrate the life of Father Eric and give thanks to God for his ministry. It is proposed that all those who can assist in the organisation of these events come to a meeting on this Sunday afternoon, 9 September beginning at 1:30 PM, in Christ the King school staffroom. This invitation includes people who could assist with the music and singing for both liturgies as well as food and refreshment catering. Msgr Ron McFarlane, Fr Burton's executor, will also be present at this gathering. Thanks to all who have offered their prayers and consolations to myself and the parish.

Fr Ian T McGinnity M.Th. M. Teach. P.P.

Parish Priest

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK : Nicole Capper, Afifi Elchaar, Dorothea Ellis , Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Tim Coakley, Delphine Ferreira and Stan Burgin.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Eric Burton (**Funeral Tuesday 18th September at 11.00 am**) Patricia Mervin, John Peat and Patrick Lynch.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Jenni Haskard (2nd anniv 3 Sept), Craig Pierce, Tessie Cordina

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DECEASED:

Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Bill Costello, Simon Khoury, Melhelm William Kaddis, Beniamino, Jimmy, Giuseppina, Carmelina, Cutrone and George Cutrone Junior.

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

Next week's Reading— Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ord. Time:

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

9 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 t8.00 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 10.00 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

16th September—Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 15 September 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Dawn Peat Dexter Tabeta	Sitara Thaman	Ilana Blazevic Peter Blyth Sue DeCourcy Lisa Hoban	Dorothea Price
SUNDAY 16 September 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Jennifer Alphonse Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Mario Azzopardi Jamie Hoban Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
SUNDAY 16 September 10 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey	Ian McMaster Sam SAFY	Kathryn Gaudron	Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt Rosemary Wickham	Darren So Wea Yeung

COUNTER Group 7- Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY Group 5- Margaret Isaac, 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

Gospel Reflection

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

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sacrament of reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 and above) is a prerequisite for First Eucharist. For those families who missed the meeting last Wednesday evening, registration is available online: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/reconciliation-registration/> and closes on **Friday 14th September**. On the weekend of **22/23 September** at all masses we will formally welcome these candidates and their families and they will present their enrolment cards found in their enrolment package.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2018

Congratulations to the 55 children of our parish that were fully initiated into our community through the Sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday evening. We thank particularly their parents who have guided them to this point and continue to fulfil their commitment, made at their child's baptism, to bring them up in the practice of faith. This weekend we welcome these children and their families at our Sunday Eucharist and post communion, the recently confirmed, will receive a certificate as a memento of this occasion.

Father Ian would like to thank on behalf of the parish the members of our sacramental team: Diane Campbell, Leslie Bosci, Cate Joseph and Monica Burley who voluntarily gave of their time and energy to coordinate the program so successfully. We extend our thanks also to: those who acted as facilitators and those who offered their homes as places of hospitality; the members of our music Ministry, who assisted our worship with wonderful music; to the catechists in our state schools and to the staff at Christ the King Primary School for supporting the programme.

SPRING FAIR

Only 1 week to go! **Saturday, 15 September 9 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 30 SEPTEMBER

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

FR IAN AWAY

Fr Ian will be attending the biannual National Council of Priests of Australia convention in Canberra this 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.

LITURGY CONFERENCE 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

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

YOUTH NEWS

This term: URGENT UPDATE for Friday 14th there will not be CTK Light on this Friday with the Hall, and the parish getting ready for the Spring Fair – we look forward to seeing you there on Saturday 15th. On **Friday 21st at 7:30pm** we look forward to hearing more about Mary. And then for our end of term **Friday 28th** we will be looking at St Thomas the Twin

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.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2018

The Australian Catholic Church marks Child Safeguarding Sunday today 9 September. This Sunday concludes National Child Protection Week. Uniquely this year Child Protection Sunday follows on the heels of the formal response of the Australian Catholic Church to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the release of the advice provided to Church Leaders by its Truth Justice and Healing Council. Child Protection Sunday affords us an opportunity to complement that National Catholic Response with factual information on how individual church entities are themselves active participants in the protection/safeguarding of minors and vulnerable adults. When the Australian Prime Minister offers the response of the Commonwealth Government in Parliament on 22 October we pray it may bring a further sense of how we, both as a Church and as a Nation have faced the terrible truth that we failed our children, but also as a church and as a nation we have now embarked on a new path.

THANKYOU

Sincere thanks to all the parishioners who gave so generously and offered support for the Vinnies Western Sydney Sleepout which took



place last Thursday. The experience made me appreciate how exposed and vulnerable it feels to not have a safe, secure place to stay. So far over \$64,000 has been raised by the Western Sydney team to support Vinnies work in addressing homelessness. Thanks again for your generosity, Rachel.

PLENARY 2020 INFORMATION AND TRAINING

Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

20 September, 7pm-9.30pm, Parramatta Cathedral Hall

29 September, 10am-12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas

Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd)

29 September, 2pm-4.30pm, Emu Plains School Hall (17

Troy Street) RSVP: marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org / 8838 3460 with date, time and parish/agency

RCIA: HOW IT CAN GROW YOUR PARISH'S FAITH LIFE

Wednesday 12 September – Part 1

Wednesday 19 September – Part 2

To be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00–9.00. To register contact the Office For Worship:

ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 02 8838 3456.

GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit

www.griegtograce.org