

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



26 August 2018
*Twenty First 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, Stan Burgin and Patricia Mervin.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Emilia Pignatelli, Luigi Giacomelli, Mary Oliver, Eileen Cummins and Giuse Nguyen Van Nu,

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Bagster (late of 10 Hibiscus Ave, Carlingford) and Margaret Cooke .

Gospel Reflection

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose? The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer. If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life. ©
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104th World Migrant and Refugee Sunday today

Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'.

Reflecting on his pontificate and global events in the last five years, the Holy Father reminds us of the urgent need to care for our displaced brothers and sisters, who have been forced to leave their homes for a better future. He makes the parable of the Last Judgment concrete by stating that every act of charity shown to migrants and refugees is an opportunity to encounter Christ.

We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context.

For more information and a copy of the Pope and Bishop Vincent's message for this Sunday please visit: www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice

This week's Reading: Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Next 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

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

26 August—Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 25 August 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
SUNDAY 26 August 8.00 am	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	John Colman	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi James Kinsella Jui-May Lee Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
SUNDAY 26 August 10.00 am	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, Leo & Elizabeth Bautista, Ken

2nd 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 Cecilie McCarron Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
SUNDAY 2 September 10 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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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.

NO 9:15 AM MASS FRIDAY 31 AUGUST

A Communion service will be conducted next Friday morning by Graham Lum due to the fact that Fr Ian will be attending a compulsory in-service on Safeguarding at Campbelltown from 10am to 5pm

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 or contact Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441. A collaborative of men from Brothers Soul (Schoenstatt Men), menALIVE, The Catenian Association, Knights of the Southern Cross, The Men of St Joseph and Catholic Men's Fellowship.

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

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.

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

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.

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 www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS: 2 SEPTEMBER

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: <https://parracatholic.org/csf/>

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

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.

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://](https://nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/RachelElliott4)

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

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