

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

NORTH ROCKS



23 December 2018
4th Sunday of Advent
YEAR C



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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
 Parish Services
Sunday Masses: **Weekday Masses:**
 6.00pm Saturday Tuesday 7.30 pm
 8.00 am Sunday Wednesday 9.00 am
 10.00 am Sunday Thursday 9.00 am
 Friday 9.15 am
 Saturday 9.00 am
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
 The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 16th February 2019 at 9am**
PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:
THE SICK : Deacon James Phelan, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Tim Coakley, Delphine Ferreira and Stan Burgin.
RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Peter Craft, Roger Snaith, Judith Schillinger, Neville Chie, Jim Young and Greg Keating.
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DECEASED IN OUR PRAYER.
 Frances Lewis, Autel Basha, Ana Tran Bach Nhan, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu and Antoun Yammouni whose anniversary occur.

Gospel Reflection

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosity is set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it. The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God. We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

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ADVENT WREATH

In the Fourth Week of Advent, we consider Mary's trust in God's promise, her joy in His goodness to her. We ask, "Am I ready to receive and celebrate the coming of the Son of God?" We have considered our relationships, our love of God and God's love for us, and we have responded with an awakened concern for the needs of others.



Now we may echo Mary's words: "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit finds joy in God my Saviour." The fourth candle symbolizes **LOVE** and **ACCEPTANCE**. It reminds us of the light of the star in the sky which guided the Wise men to Jesus and which keeps watch over us by night.

This week's Reading: Fourth Sunday of Advent– Year C– Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

Vigil Mass Reading: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1;1-25

Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1;1-18

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

23rd December—Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year C

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
SATURDAY 22nd December 6.00 pm 4th Sun of Advent	George Germanos Roger Hook	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Sitara Thaman	Sue DeCourcy John Lacey Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
SUNDAY 23rd December 8.00 am 4th Sun of Advent	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Christine Kinsella Gerianne Sadaya Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
SUNDAY 23rd December 10 am 4th Sun of Advent	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Ian McMaster	Jamie Hoban	Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Cheryl Collins, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham.

COUNTER GROUP 7: Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP 3: Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Helena Rouman.

24/25 December—Christmas Vigil—Christmas Day—Year C

Monday 24th December 6.00 pm Children Mass	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Sue veling Inge Wienker		Maria Bietola Frank Lah Nesli Nuguid Dianne Vogt	Darren So
Monday 24th December 9.00 pm Youth Mass	Chris Brown Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya		Margaret Coakley Sue DeCourcy Marea Mooney Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban
Tuesday 25th December 8.00 am Christmas Day	Christine Kinsella Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey`	Sarah Cook	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Christine Kinsella James Kinsella Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
Tuesday 25th December 10.00 am Christmas Day	Ken Boys Graeme Gardner	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Sam Safy		Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Cecilie McCarron Leila Safy	Dominic Wong

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24 December: Christmas Vigil

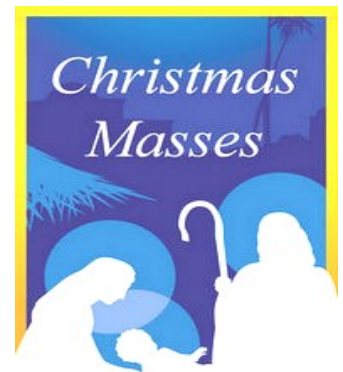
6 pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)

9 pm Family Mass

Tuesday 25 December: Christmas Day Masses

8.00 am and 10.00 am

For further Mass Time across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains visit www.parracatholic.org



29th—30th December—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph- Year C

Saturday 29th Dec 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty John Khoudair	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 30th Dec 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	James Kinsella	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ilana Blazevic Ken Coorey Lorraine Murphy Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 30th Dec 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban	Jennifer Alphone Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Dianne Vogt	-

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: David Collins, Aubon Fernando, James Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP 1: Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael Ng, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Gillian Mobbs, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP 4: Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris and Beverley Poole, Leo and Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING THE COMPASSIONATE FACE OF CHRIST TO HOMELESS YOUNG MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN CRISIS

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, CatholicCare and Houses to Homes thank you for supporting the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Thanks to your kind-hearted generosity, Houses to Homes can provide more homeless mothers with the shelter, support, independent living and parenting skills programs they desperately need.

Please pray for the wellbeing of all mothers and children in Houses to Homes' care. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit

yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

NAPPA CONFERENCE 2019

The NAPPA Conference will be held on Tuesday 26 February 2019. You can register via this link: www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference or contact Tanya Quinn on 02 8838 3441.

PARISH SECRETARY—LEAVE

Our Parish secretary, Nadine Lucas, will be taking four weeks leave this coming Tuesday, 25 December.

She will be returning on Monday

28 January. If the phone is

unanswered please leave a message and Fr. Ian will get back to you. We appreciate your patience.

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2019: THIRSTING FOR JUSTICE

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 18-30 March 2019. Cost of pilgrimage \$4350 for 12 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.

*Annual
leave*

SUBDIVISION OF 1 STATHAM AVENUE (PREVIOUSLY THE CONVENT)



Work is now complete on the block behind the convent and plans have been lodged with NSW Land Registry Service for a new lot on 20 Somerset Drive. The new block is approximately 791 square meters. The Parish will be looking to sell this property in the near future. Anyone interested in information about the property should contact either Father Ian or Robert Haddad. (0414 661 038)

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.

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.

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and an outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and join parishioners in daily Mass, Adoration, prayer, catechesis and fellowship. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. For updates and to follow the journey see www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

WALK THE CAMINO PORTUGUÉS

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on **Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019.**

YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: <https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/>

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: 28 DECEMBER

Feast of the Holy Innocents will be held on Friday 28 December 2018 at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville (8 Diana Avenue). Starting with Holy Mass at 11am in the parish church followed by a procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. Lunch available. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries: 02 9629 2595.

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@griegtograces.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograces.org