



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING



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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 School 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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13 January 2019
The Baptism of the Lord YEAR C



Gospel Reflection

This Christological feast brings to a close the Christmas season that reveals who God is for us and who we are to be for others in Christ. The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the messiah of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah that God intends Jesus to be. He will be a servant, one who, though mighty, is gentle, one who is chosen by the high God yet committed to the needy and the marginal, one who is the proclaimed Son of God and who still attends to the least within the human community. He may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

For whom did the messiah of God come? He came for people who were broken and suffering, blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins, beyond our view, where the circumstances of their lives will not trouble us – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who for any number of reasons threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.

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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 Mass.**

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:
THE SICK : Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, Avedis (Charlie) Qasabian, Jan & Stan Burgin.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Deacon James Phelan , Judith Schillinger, Michael Ghoba, Jacqueline Waller, Roger Snaith and Peter Craft.
DECEASED: Guise Nguyen Van Nu

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.

This week's Reading: The Baptism of the Lord Year C– Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-15, 21-22

Next week's Reading: 2nd Sun Ord Time Year C– Isaiah 62:1-5; 1Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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

12/13 January— The Baptism of the LORD

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister | Musician |
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| Saturday 6.00 pm | Ken Boys Roger Hook | Lance Parker | Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya | Veronica Chacty | Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid | Isabelle Chacty |
| Sunday 8.00 am | John Colman John Murphy | James Kinsella | Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta | Jo-Anne Castaneda | John Lacey Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Lorraine Murphy | Pauline Zhao |
| Sunday 10.00 am | Graeme Gardiner Michael Nasr | Ken Coorey | Ian McMaster Sam Safy | Volunteer Required | Margaret Coakley Lisa Hoban Rosemary Wickham Dianne Vogt | Dominic Wong |

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: David Collins, James Kinsella, John Lacey and Lorraine Murphy.

COUNTER GROUP 3: Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer and Cass Joyce.

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Barbara Haddad, Anna Hunt

PIETY Group 2– Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

CHURCH CLEANING Group 5– Mark & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz and Mariana Tomasovic

19/20 January— 2nd Sun Ord Time

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister | Musician |
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| Saturday 6.00 pm | Sam Bietola Paul Rankin | Phil Trainor | Rob Haddad Kerry Saad | Sitara thaman | Maria Bietola Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid Lilia Nuguid | Dorothea Price |
| Sunday 8.00 am | John Colman John Murphy | David Collins | Julie Elliott Margaret Noonan | Trish Yates | Mario Azzopardi Cecilie McCarron Jamie Hoban Cheryl Collins | Mike Yates |
| Sunday 10.00 am | Peter Elchaar Michael Ng | James Kinsella | Anne Gately Jenny Mater | Volunteer Required | Jennifer Alphonse Maria Mooney Natasha Todorov Diane Vogt | Darren So Wea Yeung |

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi , Cheryl Collins, Jose Jilesh, Christine Kinsella

COUNTER GROUP 4: Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy and John Hunt.

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Barbara Haddad, Margaret Issac

PIETY Group 3– Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

CHURCH CLEANING Group 6– Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan and Brian Euhus

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 Parramatta Catholic Foundation Account.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2019

First Holy Communion Programme:

Initial Parent Information Meeting: **Wednesday 27 March 7:30 PM**

Enrolment Registration Due: **Friday, 5 April**

Enrolment ceremony weekend at three Sunday masses: **6/7 April**

First Holy Communion at three Sunday masses: **22/23 June**

Presentation of Certificates at three Sunday masses: **29/30 June**

Confirmation Programme:

Initial Parent Information Meeting: **Wednesday 12 June 7:30 PM**

Enrolment Registration Due: **Friday, 21 June**

Enrolment ceremony weekend at three Sunday masses: **27/28 July**

Confirmation Ceremony (within Mass): **Wednesday 4 September 7:30 PM**

Presentation of Certificates at three Sunday masses: **7/8 September**

Reconciliation Programme:

Initial Parent Information Meeting: **Thursday 5 September 7:30 PM**

Enrolment Registration Due: **Friday, 13 September**

Enrolment ceremony weekend at three Sunday masses: **21/22 September**

First Reconciliation Ceremony: **Wednesday 27 November 5:30 and 7:30 PM**

Presentation of Certificates at three Sunday masses: **30 November/1 December**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2019

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some current members have resigned after many years of service and we are grateful for their commitment to our community. The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of people, called from and by the community, to foster with the Parish Priest the building up of the Body of Christ and the actualisation of God's Kingdom in our parish of Christ the King. It is a ministry on behalf of and to the parish community enabling members of the community to become aware of their gifts, creativity and needs, and encouraging them to put these into action to build up the community. The Council meets bimonthly and assists the Pastor to set goals and priorities. Any parishioner, over the age of 18 years, is welcome to apply to be a member of the Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council, please contact Fr Ian personally or via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org. If you require further information, please feel free to speak to current or past Parish Pastoral Council members. Your parish needs you!

THANK YOU FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank all the Christ the King Parishioners for your very generous donations of food, gifts and money to our Christmas Hampers and Christmas Appeal for 2018.

The Christmas Hampers and gifts helped us to provide close to one hundred needy families in our community with delicious food and gifts to celebrate the Christmas season and also the special gift of love and hope.

The money raised through the Christmas Appeal will now help us to continue our work providing the needy with food and help with living expenses.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND run by the Capuchin Friars 15-17th FEBRUARY 2019

Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. 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 only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

Follow our pilgrims attending World Youth Day Panama!

The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 will take place 15 January to 1 February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember pray for the pilgrims Follow the pilgrim's progress online at parrawyd.org

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains: 20 January

We will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday 20 January known as Santo Niño holy Mass and celebration according to the Filipino tradition (English language). The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

World Youth Day In-Sync: 27 January

Catholic Youth Parramatta and the St Patrick's Cathedral Community invite families, friends and supporters of the Panama pilgrims to WYD2019 IN-SYNC. Sunday 27 January, 6pm Mass followed by food, music and original video footage from pilgrims in Panama. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP by 22 January, Fr Paul Roberts connect@ifm.org.au or 9296 6369.

Position Vacant

Parish Office Manager (Part-Time) – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes
More details at: www.olqp.org.au

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/>

St Patrick's Gift Shop

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is bringing Christmas cheer by opening an on-site gift shop. Opening hours will be 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For more information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains: 10 February

We will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday 10 February in Spanish. The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

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>

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.

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@mjqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.

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