



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS



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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 10.00 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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24th February 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR C



Gospel Reflection

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 18 May 2019 at 9am Mass.**

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK : Daniele Donu, Sr Venera Nicolosi OSU, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, , Jan & Stan Burgin.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Graham Kings (former PP of Berala), Carmel Szabo, Edgardo Diaz Tapiador, Avedis (Charlie) Qasabian, Br Joseph Byrne FSP, Sr. Elizabeth (Bonaventure) Woods CHF (Holy Faith Sisters, New Zealand, Australia and Ireland, Jack Papallo (Lena Hanson's Uncle), and Sr. Margaret Armstrong. IBVM

ANNIVERSARIES:

Edith Azzopardi, Nguyen Van NU , Nguyen Van Toan, Jimmy, Carmelina, Giuseppina, Beniamino, Cutrone and George Cutrone Jnr, Bill Costello and All Souls.

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: 7th Sun Ord Time Year C– 1Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Next week's Reading: 8th Sun Ord Time Year C– Sirach 27:4-7; 1Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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

23/24 February— 7th Sun Ord. Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Peter Hrast	Zeina Chacty John Khoudair		Maria Bietola Diane Campbell Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	John Colman	Youth Representative	Jamie Hoban	Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Jenny Roddy Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Co.Ord) Mary Cook (Pre-school) Caroline Elchaar (Yr. 2-3) Sarah Garland (Yr 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Aubon Fernando, Jose Jilesh, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP 2: Keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci, Gillian Mobbs

PIETY Group 4 – Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

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

2/3 March—8th Sun Ord. Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Geroge Germanos Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Sitara Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	John DeCourcy Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Anne-Marie Makin Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Jennifer Alphonse Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Co-Ord.) Paula Mitchell (pre-School) Sarah Garland (Yr 2-3) Terri Hirschhorn (Yr 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Anne-Marie Makin

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Gillian Mobbs, 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

THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL - IS SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND 23 & SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY

The theme for the Appeal is **'Bring Hope This Lent'**. **Our quota for this appeal is \$ 7465.30**

Funds raised will support The Ephpheta Centre – a ministry which gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. The Appeal will also support chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated - in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities - including people who are deaf or hard of hearing, migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes which will be provided on that weekend or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

Please use the New Parramatta Catholic Foundation Appeal Envelopes

UPDATE CHRIST THE KING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2019

The Parish Pastoral Council, at its first meeting for 2019 last Wednesday evening, elected its office bearers for this year. The new Chairman is Jason Scanlon, Vice Chairman: Anne-Marie Makin and continuing Secretary: Julie Bonney. We congratulate these people and thank them for taking on this important role in our parish community. We particularly thank Peter Elchaar for his contribution to the council as Chairman for the last 4 years. Whilst Peter is stepping down from the Council he will continue to work in the arena he is so good at: hospitality and socially connecting parishioners. Further information about the new Parish Council and its members will be published shortly.

CATECHISTS—SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS APPEAL

We are still hoping for more volunteers to teach Scripture classes or assist with Scripture classes at North Rocks Public School on Tuesday mornings and Carlingford West Public School on Wednesday mornings.

There is some information about being a Catechist at the back of the Church for your perusal – leaflets from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine about being a Catechist, copies of the Student Activity Books and Teacher's Handbooks and details about courses that are being held this year.

If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding Ministry or would like some further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710, Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332 or Cate Joseph on 0409 397 888

NORTHERN DEANERY FAMILY PICNIC DAY

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend a gathering of all the parishes in our Northern Deanery for a family picnic on Sunday, 17 March from 10 AM to 4 PM at Madeline Sophie parish, 28 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst. Youth groups are especially invited to be involved and entertainment and activities will be arranged for children and young people. Due to the possibility of fire restrictions it is suggested rather than a barbecue, people provide their own food and beverages to eat and drink. This activity is being organised by the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council to build fraternity between parishes in our Deanery your support in this initiative would be greatly appreciated. Kenthurst is a wonderful environment for a picnic.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for men and women who would like support following a separation or divorce.

First Gathering for the Year: **26th February**, 2019 Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta . Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Call Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Flyer on Parish Notice Board.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

LENTEN PRAYER GROUPS

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent on 6 March. As we have done in the past, small groups will be arranged to reflect on the scriptures during the Lenten season using the Wollongong program with its theme of "Trust". If you would like to host or facilitate a small group please contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or northrocks@parracatholic.org so we can advertise this amongst the community and provide the booklets and other resources. This is a great opportunity for spiritual renewal.

JOIN ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit <http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au/musicministry/index.htm> or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry for more information and to register online or call 02 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

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/>

ENROLMENTS—CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christ the King Primary school currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. For further enrolment information, please contact the school office on 8846 2700 during school hours. Our Open day will be held on Friday **8th March between 9.00—11.00 am**. We look forward to welcoming you to our School Community.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR AND PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will meet again on Friday 1 March 10am -11.30am in Mary Mackillop hall. New members welcome. Good Neighbours will meet next in MaryMackillop hall on Thursday 7 March 10am -1.00pm. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR VISITING RESIDENTS OF AGED CARE FACILITY

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION—APRIL 5-7 AND OCT 25-27

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 5-7 and Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 26-28 APRIL

This is a marriage enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset - your marriage! **26-28 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings at www.wvme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com**

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.