



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
Good Neighbour Group: Meet at the Mary MacKillop Hall every second Thursday at 10.00 am (Next meeting Thursday 28th March)
 Parish Services
Sunday Masses:
 6.00pm Saturday
 8.00 am Sunday
 10.00 am Sunday
Weekday Masses:
 Tuesday 7.30 pm
 Wednesday 9.00 am
 Thursday 9.00 am
 Friday 9.15 am
 Saturday 9.00 am
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10 March 2019
First Sunday of Lent
YEAR C

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for baptised Catholic children eligible to receive the next sacrament of initiation (First Holy Communion) into full membership of the Church.

Children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish masses on the weekend of 22nd/23rd June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (without children) on Wednesday, 27th March commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program and enrolment procedure will be explained and any questions answered.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is **essential** that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

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:
 Shirley O'Brien, Mgr Denis Edwards (Theologian) Dorothy Campbell, Avedis (Charlie) Qasabian,
ANNIVERSARIES:
 Eric Bokeyar and Gabrielle Wehbe, Edith Azzopardi, Nguyen Van NU , Nguyen Van Toan, 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: First Sunday of Lent Year C— Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10; 8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Next week's Reading: Second Sunday of lent Year C—Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1: Lk 9: 28-36

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

9/10 March— First Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy Gerard Sadaya	Volunteer	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	David Collins	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Jamie Hoban	Sarah Cook Sam SAFY	Volunteer	Jennifer Alphonse Margaret Coakley Leila Safy Dianne Vogt	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Co.Ord) Lisa Hoban (pre-School) Aileen Beaini (Yr 2-3) Paula Mitchell (Yr 4-6)

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

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 1– CTK School Mums Group 1, Julie Bechara

16/17 March—Second Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Peter Hrast	Georgette Rissmiller Sue Veling	Sitara Thaman	Diane Campbell Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Mario Azzopardi Carmelita Khoo Jui-May Lee Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	James Kinsella	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Dominic Wong

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Co-Ord.) Lynette Kaddis—Pres-School, Ilana Blazevic (yr 2-3) Paula Mitchell (Yr 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Ken Coorey, Jose Jilesh, Carmelita Khoo

COUNTER GROUP 5: Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 2– Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Helena Rouman

PARISH SECRETARY RETIRING

After, just over 7 years, working as parish secretary at Christ the King, Nadine Lucas is retiring from her full-time position on Friday 15 March. We are grateful for her dedicated ministry among us for this time. The parish has the opportunity to publicly thank her, on Sunday, 17 March at the 10 AM Mass after which we will share a morning tea together.

NEW PARISH SECRETARY

Mrs Claudine Nalletamby-Sandel has been appointed our new parish secretary and will begin working on Monday, 11 March. Claudine has previously held a similar position in another parish and formerly worked as business manager at Mary Immaculate School, Quakers Hill. I am sure we will welcome Claudine to this significant position in our parish and value her previous experience and expertise in this important role at Christ the King.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMS

At Christ the King Parish we have 4 groups conducting Lenten Programs that meet in a parishioner's home. Please join one of the groups by calling the group leader

Robert Haddad—0414 661 038—Wednesday at 8.00pm

Rachel Elliott—0411 821027—Monday at 7.30pm

Lorraine Murphy—0407 691 576— Wednesday at 10.00 to 11.30

Adam Chioatto—0423 077 677 —Youth Group

This program can also be utilised as a prayer resource for individuals. Parishioners can purchase a copy of the program for \$6 cost price from the piety stall.

BISHOP VINCENT'S PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter to the people and clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta can be found at:

catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincents-pastoral-letter

ADORATION EVENING- MONDAY 11TH MARCH

All are welcome to attend the first Adoration evening for the year held on Monday 11th March from 7:30pm-9pm. This is a great opportunity to start your Lenten journey by spending some one on one time with Jesus. The youth of the Parish will lead you in a night of prayer, worship and reflection followed by a light supper. For more information please contact

Adam Chioatto Ph:0423 077 677 E: ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

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.

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 12.00 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.

JRS FOODBANK

The Jesuit Refugee Service's foodbank provides much needed fresh food, non-perishable items, and toiletries to over 350 individuals and families every month. We invite you to join our Lenten Foodbank Appeal: "6 weeks of Lent- Give 6 Things".(e.g. Small bottles of oil, Rice Basmati/Jasmine, Chick Peas, Lentils, Tins of Tomato, Personal Hygiene items etc) JRS have identified these staple items that are most frequently requested, and we are encouraging parishioners to bring one designated item to their parish each week over Lent. Contact 02 9098 9336 or kim.smith@jrs.org.au for more information.



Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning

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.

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

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.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com**

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 stpatscathedral.com.au/music or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

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.