



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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17 March 2019
Second Sunday of Lent
YEAR C

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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 : Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, , Jan & Stan Burgin.
THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Maree Teresa Bourke, Shirley O'Brien, Mgr Denis Edwards (Theologian), Dorothy Campbell,
ANNIVERSARIES:
 Robert Bechara Moussa, Geoffrey Casimir, & Hector Joseph.
DECEASED:
 Tony, Soraya and Morrie Khalife, Yvonne and Phillip Boulous, John and Maree George, 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: Second Sunday of Lent Year C—Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1: Lk 9: 28-36

Next week's Reading: Third Sunday of Lent Year C— Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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

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

23/24 March—Third Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty John Khoudair	Volunteer	Maria Bietola Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	James Kinsella	Jennifer Alphonse John DeCourcy	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jamie Hoban John Lacey Cecilie McCarron Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Volunteer	Diane Campbell Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Dianne Vogt	Julia Hoban

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COUNTER GROUP 6: Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3 - Clarry Barbera, Chris Poole, Beverley Poole, Leo Bautista, Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

PARISH SECRETARY RETIRING

After, just over 7 years, working as parish secretary at Christ the King, Nadine Lucas has retired from her full-time position. We are grateful for her dedicated ministry among us for this time. The parish has the opportunity to publicly thank her, this Sunday, after 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 has begun working last 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.

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

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

This Tuesday evening (19th March-feast of St Joseph) there will be a meeting of the parish liturgy Committee to continue the preparations for Easter. New members are always welcome to join us. The meeting will take place in the presbytery after Tuesday evening mass at 7:30 PM beginning approximately at 8 PM.

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. Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Sanitary pads, Instant noodles, Shampoo and deodorant, Oil(500ml or 750ml), Long life milk, Chick peas, Tuna, Pasta 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.

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.



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rain-forest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

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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.

SAFEGUARDING SUPERHEROES: 28 MARCH

Ensuring a safe environment for young people is an essential requirement of any ministry initiative. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The Diocese of Parramatta is hosting an evening for 'on the ground' volunteers who are predominantly present at activities or ministries that involve young people. Let's build a network of safeguarding officers for the future! 28 March from 6:30-9pm at the Novotel Hotel, Norwest. More details at: parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/