

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 11 AUGUST

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS FR RAY SANCHEZ CP: 10 – 11 AUGUST

The Diocese of Parramatta presents Fr Ray Sanchez CP as he explores the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the changing era of our Church today. Fr Ray will speak at the 6pm Mass at Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens on 10 August, and at the 8am and 10am Mass at St Michael's and St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on 11 August. For more information, please contact Elizabeth and Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH ADULT CATECHESIS: 12 AUGUST – 3 OCTOBER

Baulkham Hills Parish is conducting a series of catechesis for adults and teenagers starting on 12 August and running every Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm until 3 October. Sessions will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, Baulkham Hills and are free, for more information, please contact Lucas Neira on 0428 831 256 or the parish office on 9639 8385.

CATHOLIC CARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: 8 AUGUST – 19 SEPTEMBER

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services is starting a bereavement support program for those whose spouse has died. The program will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am to 12midday from 8 August to 19 September at MacKillop Hall, Granville. An Information session will be held on Thursday 1 August at 10am. For more information, call Rita at Solo Parent Services on 8843 2575.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION PILGRIM WALK: 15 AUGUST

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12Noon before the pilgrimage begins. Anyone is welcome to begin walking from any point of the 14km walk. For more information, contact the parish office on 9629 2595.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY OPEN DAY: 18 AUGUST

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 18 August is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS: 1 SEPTEMBER

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: parracatholic.org/csf

CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to northrocks@parracatholic.org 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 an email address, could you please notify the Parish Office northrocks@parracatholic.org as soon as possible. **Thank you**

ONLINE GIVING Donations may also be made online via credit card: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks>

If you wish to contribute via Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 for the BSB and Account number for the Parish or Parramatta Catholic Foundation Account.

BEQUESTS (Please contact the Parish Office for further information)

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. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.

CHRIST THE KING
NORTH ROCKS



Sunday 11th August, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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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.

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinness
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Claudine Nallétamby
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
Youth Coordinator: Adam Chioatto
Mob: 0423 077 677
Email: ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

School Principal: Tony Hughes
School Phone: 8846 2700
School Web Site:
www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms: Each 2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:15am
Weddings: By Appointment
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:30am & 4:30pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays - 9:30am
Rosary: Saturdays - 8:30am
Children's Liturgy: 10am Mass - during School Terms only
Playgroup each Fridays: 10 - 11:30am - during School Terms only - Next meeting this Friday 16th August
Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - Next meeting Thursday 22nd August

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:	Weekday Masses:
6pm Saturday	Tuesday 7:30pm
8am Sunday	Wednesday 9am
10am Sunday	Thursday 9am
	Friday 9:15am
	Saturday 9am

Parish Address:
10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151
Phone: 9871 8710
Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org
Parish Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/>

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on next Sat 17 Aug 2019 at 9am Mass.

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

THE SICK: Cass Joyce, Ian McMaster, Donald Mackay, Joe Frare, Patricia Blanning, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Allen Brierley, Jon Wise, Dominic Borg, Rosa Michael, Doreen Ulbrick.

ANNIVERSARIES:
Brian Joyce, Santina Bietola, Judith Lum.

DECEASED:
Y.T. Hsu, Deanna Hsu, Sheila Saad, Jim Saad, Anne Joseph, Roy Joseph & All Souls.

This Week's Readings: Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Lk 12:32-48
 Next Week's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

10th / 11th August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	John Khoudair Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	David Collins	Carmelita Khoo Gabby Scanlon	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey Anne-Marie Makin Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner Michael Ng	Jamie Hoban	Sam Safy John DeCourcy	Volunteer Required Please	Jennifer Alphonse Ilana Blazevic Cate Joseph Jenny Roddy	Therese Davies

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Volunteer Required Please: Coordinator, Volunteer Required Please: Pre-school, Caroline Elchaar: Yr 2-3, Terri Hirschhorn: Yr 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: David Collins, Ken Coorey, Jose Jilesh, Anne-Marie Makin

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Mark & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

17th / 18th August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Volunteer Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Mario Azzopardi Chris Kinsella John Lacey Jui-May Lee	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Nasr	Jamie Hoban	John DeCourcy Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Volunteer Required Please: Coordinator, Paula Mitchell: Pre-school, Ilana Blazevic: Yr 2-3, Sarah Garland: Yr 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Aubon Fernando, Chris Kinsella, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP 6: Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Reyna Mendes, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP 1: Maria Bietola, Mary Magill, Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This holy day of obligation falls this Thursday, 15th August. Masses will be celebrated at 9:15am with CTK Primary students attending and a later Mass commencing at 7:30pm.

MEETING THIS WEEK - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

This Thursday 14th August at 7:15pm the Parish Finance Committee will meet in the CTK Primary Staffroom.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

This Saturday 17th August - 9am

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on this Saturday 17 August 2019 at the 9am Mass.



Anointing the sick

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC
4	16th Aug	Who am I? (*challenge)
5	23rd Aug	Social, midterm chill
6	30th Aug	The male & female brain

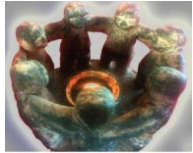
CHRIST THE KING YOUTH NEWS

For all youth news and updates on upcoming events, find us on Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth. For more information, please contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com. Our Theme for Term 3 is, "Who do you say that I am?"

Come along to squires to find out more about these topics and what our challenges are.

LISTENING CIRCLES

The Northern Deanery invites all parishioners of Christ the King Parish, North Rocks to join our first Listening Circle at Saturday 24 August 2019 - 2pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish Centre, Baulkham Hills. Discussions will be confidential. Fr Ian McGinnity PP and the Parish Pastoral Council are supporting this initiative. A personal statement: *'I attended the Listening Circle in my parish in 2017. I had certain misgivings prior to going to the gathering, but during the session, I found it so different to any meeting I had attended. We were seated in groups of six people with a facilitator. I held a talking piece and so could not be interrupted. I paused to find my words. I wept a little. It was liberating.'* (Peter)



VINNIES COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT - Friday 30 August

St Vincent de Paul Society Western Sydney Community Sleepout Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus (Rydalmere) Participate to raise funds for your community and raise awareness of the issue of homelessness. For further information please see flyer on the Church Notice Board

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP VINCENT LONG ON ABORTION LEGISLATION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
 We believe that all human beings are made in the image of God and that all human beings matter. The Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death. I have been closely following this abortion debate as it has unfolded in our parliament and across the public sphere. I join my voice with my brother bishops and many people of goodwill across many faiths who are alarmed at the newly-proposed NSW abortion legislation. It is not enough to argue that this legislation is simply about "decriminalising abortion." What's at stake is far more complex and goes to the heart of a healthy society. As human beings, we all have a responsibility to care for each other. Pope Francis reminds us bluntly: "It is not right to kill a human being, regardless of how small it is, to solve a problem." Whilst we affirm the sacredness of all life, the Church as a community of faith, hope and love stands by pregnant women to offer them support. That is why, closely linked to protection of the unborn is the ongoing care of women who are pregnant, especially those in difficult personal circumstances. Our legislators and community need to provide more practical care and compassion to women facing these decisions. In our diocese, our CatholicCare services offers a comprehensive pregnancy-related service for women and families that are expecting a baby. We want to help women in these complex situations. Being born into this wondrous planet of ours is a blessing. May each of us, given this precious gift, never forget to pray with the Psalmist: "You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother's womb. For so many marvels I thank you; a wonder am I, and all your works are wonders." Psalms 139. This is an ongoing critical issue where the Church will continue to speak prophetically. Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are encouraged to continue to contact their local NSW State Member of Parliament about this critical issue. You can find your MP's contact details here: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/pages/all-members.aspx

Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta

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