

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

CATHOLICCARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: 8 AUGUST – 19 SEPTEMBER

CatholicCare 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.

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: 20 AUGUST

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program – Component 2 starts on August 20. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES INFORMATION EVENING: 20 AUGUST

Are you looking for a healthy, natural and effective method to manage your fertility? Learn how to identify the best time to achieve or postpone pregnancy. You are warmly invited to this event on Tuesday 20 August at the Diocesan Ministry Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown from 7pm. For more information and to register please contact Catherine on 02 8838 3460, 0400 427 605 or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org

2019 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: 30 AUGUST

American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the guest speaker at The Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 30 August at St Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7.30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parracatholic.org

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

CYP CONVENT CRAWL: 7 SEPTEMBER

Catholic Youth Parramatta are organising a 'Convent Crawl' – an opportunity for young women to experience a day-long journey glimpsing the life of consecrated women. Join CYP as they visit four religious communities across the Diocese of Parramatta. 7 September from 6am to 8.30pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/conventcrawl. For inquiries, please contact qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

ADULT CONFIRMATION: 10 SEPTEMBER

Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held on Saturday 31 August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information or contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org

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 18th August, 2019
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



GOSPEL REFLECTION

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

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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 November 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:

Leonila Fontanilla (Mother of Carmelita Khoo - Funeral this Tues 20.8.2019 - 1pm), Wing Keh Wong, Maree MacKenzie, Allen Brierley, Jon Wise.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Craig Pierce, William Floyd, Dr Garry Pearce, Brian Joyce.

DECEASED:

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

This Week's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53
 Next Week's Readings: Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30

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

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

24th / 25th August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Ken Coorey	Inge Wienker Volunteer Required Please	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Frank Lah Nesli Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta	Volunteer Required Please	Carmelita Khoo Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner Michael Nasr	Jose Jilesh	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban	Ilana Blazevic Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Leila Safy	Julia Hoban

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook - Coordinator, Mary Cook - Preschool, Aileen Beaini - Yrs 2 & 3, Terri Hirschhorn - Yrs 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 7: Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP 2: Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group, Julie Bechara

CHANGE IN MONEY COLLECTION

A change will occur commencing the weekend 31st August and 1st September where the time of the collections will change during Mass. The first Collection will occur after the Homily. The Second Collection will occur after the offertory. Direction will be given to the money collectors in the coming weeks. Support from our parishioners would be appreciated. Thank you.



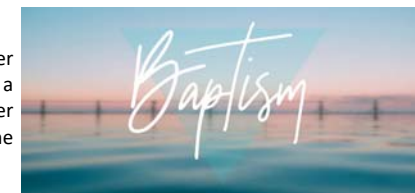
CHRIST THE KING YOUTH NEWS

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.

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC
5	23rd Aug	Social, midterm chill
6	30th Aug	The male & female brain

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Mortimer family, Aliyar and Sarah with their daughter Meghan. May Meghan's baptism next Sunday be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her and her parents in this special step to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

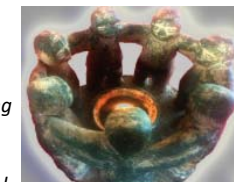


CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT NORTH ROCKS

The North Rocks Carols by Candlelight is a major community event run by local Churches for the local community. This year it is being held from 5-9pm on Friday 20th December at North Rocks Park. Naturally an event like this costs and so our Committee is still in need of sufficient sponsors. If you know of any local businesses who may be interested in sponsoring please advise. (Flyer available in church foyer) Any parishioner who would like to contribute a gift of \$50 and above will have their names listed in the songbook. For further information contact Cathy on 0411 055 403.

LISTENING CIRCLES

The Northern Deanery invites all parishioners of Christ the King Parish, North Rocks to join our first Listening Circle at **next Saturday 24 August - 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

PLENARY 2020 - "GO OUT INTO THE DEEP"

The following sessions will explain how our Diocese is seeking to "Go out into the Deep", with Bishop Vincent Long inviting us to develop local and diocesan initiatives through engaging with the plenary process. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Sessions will be held on the following dates:

- * Monday 19 August: Parramatta Cathedral Hall - 6 pm to 9 pm
- * Thursday 22 August: Institute for Mission Blacktown - 6 pm to 9 pm
- * Wednesday 28 August: Institute for Mission Blacktown - 10.30 am to 1.30 pm
- * Saturday 31 August: Emu Plains Parish Hall - 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Tanya at tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org



Plenary Council 2020 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

North Rocks Carols by Candlelight

20 December, 2019

Sponsor Information and Packages



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Level	Cost	Benefits
Platinum	\$2500 (payment plan on request)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognised as a major sponsor with your Logo displayed on all promotional publications including social media, banners & letterbox flyers (last year we printed and delivered 11000 flyers) Best position on the night for advertising banners and stall/display Representative address at the event Full Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook (750 copies) All the Gold Sponsorship Benefits
Gold Plus	\$1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stall/display at the event and opportunities to handout giveaways or promotional material to attendees.
Gold	\$1000 (payment plan on request)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting you on stage to introduce a carol. ½ Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook All the Silver Sponsorship Benefits
Silver	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media mentions Verbal recognition during event 1/3 Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook Banner displayed at event
Bronze	\$200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media mentions & Verbal recognition during event ¼ Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook
Supporter	\$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media mention & Verbal recognition during event Large Logo in Carols Songbook

Sponsor Information

Over the past 15 years we have seen this event grow from a small gathering of 300 people to being a major regional event with 1500-2500 people attending. Our goal is to provide a fun community evening which includes food, entertainment, community carol singing, a reminder about the true meaning of Christmas and of course, Santa.

Running an event of this size for so many people requires professional sound, lighting and stage, as well as other costs such as electricity generators, advertising etc. Although the churches contribute towards the cost of the carols through both finances and providing a great bunch of volunteers, this is not enough to cover our \$15,000 budget. We are only able to run the North Rocks Carols through the generous sponsorship of local businesses and we would love for you to consider becoming one of our valued sponsors.

We offer sponsorship packages from as little as \$100 right up to \$2500 enabling local businesses to gain great exposure in the local community. Over the past years we have had great feedback from all our sponsors of both the benefit but also the joy of being connected to such a special event in the local community.



Thankyou for being a sponsor!

We are thrilled that you have decided to become part of the 2019 North Rocks Carols by Candlelight team. Your contribution will help make this community event a special time for all those who attend. Here is some information that you will need right now:

- 1) We need your sponsorship pledge by August 31.
- 2) We will email you with our account details and will need payment by cheque or EFT by October 31.
- 3) To help us to advertise that your business is connected to the carols we would love to have your companies logo. We can always find it online, but if you have a logo that you can send through to us that would make things easier. If you do, could you please email it to cathynelson@northrocks.org.au

We will keep you updated as the Carols draws closer. If you have other questions please contact Cathy on 0411 055 403

Company/Business:

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone:

Level / Amount:

Please return this form to North Rocks Community Church or email information to cathy.nelson@northrocks.org.au by August 31. Thank you.