



# Sunday 1st of March, 2020

## First Sunday of Lent

### Year A



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
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**School Web Site:**

[www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au)

**Baptisms:** Each 2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:15am

**Weddings:** By Appointment

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 9:30am & 4pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Saturdays - 9:30am

**Rosary:** Saturdays - 8:30am

**Children's Liturgy:** 10am Mass - *during School Terms only*

**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Next meeting Thursday 5th March 2020.**

#### PARISH SERVICES

**Sunday Masses:**

5.30pm Saturday

8am Sunday

10am Sunday

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday 7:30pm

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 9am

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#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be next Sat 16th of May 2020 at 9am Mass.

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

**THE SICK:** Mark Mueller, Mary Magill, Joe Frare, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kay Cole, Johnene Giacomelli, Ray Wehbe.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr George O'Mara, Shirley O'Brien, Fr Peter McGrath CP, Anne Joseph, Ida Joseph, Edith Azzopardi.

**DECEASED:** Y.T. Hsu, Deannu Hsu, Joseph Van Minh, Tony Khalife, Soraya Khalife, Morrie Kahlife, Yvonne Boulous, Phillip Boulous, Charlie Karam, Leila Karam & All Souls.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.

The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression.

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life. © Dianne Bergant



#### 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 Readings: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11

Next Week's Readings: Gen 12:1-4, 2 Tm 1:8-10, Mt 17:1-9

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)**

**29th February / 1st March - First Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Ken Boys George Germanos	Lance Parker	Dexter Tabeta Inge Wienker	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Diane Campbell Nesli Nuguid	Alex Bozanic Jason Scanlon
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	John Lacey Jui-May Lee	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph Cecilie Mc Carron	Ruth Jilesh Nick Said Darren So Wea Yeung

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, Sarah Garland - Pre-school, Paula Mitchell - Yr 2-3, Terri Hirschhorn - Yr 4-6

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Aubon Fernando, Jose Jilesh, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

**COUNTER GROUP 6:** Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Leni Adan

**PIETY GROUP 1:** Maria Bietola, Sarah Cook, Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus, Ken Coorey

**7th March / 8th March - Second Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Roger Hook George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty Dawn Peat	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown John Colman	David Collins	Bev Johnson Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey Carmelita Khoo	Pauline Chen
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Anne Gately Sam Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney	Dominic Wong

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, Paula Mitchell - Pre-school, Terri Hirschhorn - Yr 2-3, Sarah Garland - Yr 4-6

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** David Collins, Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP 7:** Tony Clancy, John Lacey,

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1:** Lesley Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

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

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

**PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - Mark this date in your calendar**

A social evening has been organised for past and present Christ the King parishioners to be held at Oatlands Golf Course on Friday 19th June. Tickets will cost \$60 each and will be available to purchase via the parish website in May. For more information, please contact Marianne Dwyer on 0418 641 412. Four committees have also been formed and need participants to become involved. Sign-up sheets are now available in the church foyer to register your interest. We are still seeking people for the following groups: Social, Historical, Public Relations/Marketing and Future Evangelisation. Please contact the parish office via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or on 9871.8710 if you require any further information.



## OPEN DAY FOR 2021 ENROLMENTS

### CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY

**THIS FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 9AM - 10:45AM**

The community of the Christ the King parish invites parents, friends, neighbours and their families to join us for a Liturgy, morning tea and visit of our learning areas. Year 6 will offer guided tours for families looking to enrol in 2021. Enrolment packages will be available on the day. For all enquiries: [northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au) or contact Mr Hughes: 0432 056 959



### BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Catanzaro family, Anthony and Angela with their son Vincenzo, the Truong family, Peter and Rachael with their daughter, Olivia. We also welcome the Fedele family, Richard and Renee and their son Leonardo. May Vincenzo, Olivia and Leonardo's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or 1800 024 413.



### LENTEN PROGRAM 2020

The season of Lent is a time for spiritual renewal, repentance and reflection. The program that is being used this year is provided by the Diocese of Wollongong entitled "Grace". This Lenten program includes short daily reflections in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions. This program is also perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group. Parishioners can purchase a copy of the program from the Piety Stall for only \$6.



DATE	TOPIC
Fri 6th Mar	1000 words / No comment
Fri 13th Mar	What's in a name?
Fri 20th Mar	Like friends
Fri 27th Mar	To the ends of the earth
Fri 3rd Apr	Wrap up / chill out

### CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH NEWS

Come along to squires to find out more about these topics and what our challenges are. The theme for this term is: "Image and Likeness". For all youth news and updates on upcoming events, find us on [Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth](https://www.facebook.com/CTKLifeTeenYouth) For more information, please contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or [ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com](mailto:ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com)



### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE - FOODBANK APPEAL

This Lent as we remember the enormous sacrifice our Lord made on Good Friday please consider showing compassion to those in need. Jesuit Refugee Service provides food and essential items to people through our foodbank. The JRS foodbank offers a dignified experience for the people we serve by allowing people to do their own 'shopping' from our stocked shelves and fridges. People select what they want and need from us, in this way we provide a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out.' But we need your help. Our stocks are low and so we are reaching out to the community to support us this Lent. We would like to invite Christ the King parishioners to join JRS in our Lenten foodbank program: "6 Weeks of Lent - Give 6 Things". We have identified six staple items that are most frequently requested. Each week parishioners are encouraged to bring in the one designated item to deposit in a collection basket at church. Thank you for your generosity; just one item a week makes such a difference. Your contribution is helping JRS accompany, serve, and advocate for these families.

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Basmati Rice	Tuna in Oil	Cooking Oil	Tinned tomatoes, Red Kidney Beans/ Chickpeas	Long life Milk	Pasta / Spaghetti

## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE MARCH EDITION**

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early March. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta

## **NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES**

Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta offers couples a NATURAL option to plan their families. Natural Family Planning is for couples wanting to achieve & avoid pregnancy. It is suitable for couples at all stages of their life including those preparing for marriage, breastfeeding women, couples looking for an effective, natural option and wanting to cease contraception and peri-menopausal women. For more information or to book an appointment contact Catherine on 0400 427 605, [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au).

## **INSTITUTE FOR MISSION THEMES OF FAITH: STARTING MARCH 2**

The Themes of Faith program invites participants to share conversation and reflection in small groups. Each group is accompanied by a mentor with a focus on different key life/faith theme each time. Sessions, arranged in two blocks of 5 Monday evenings, start on 2 March. To register, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/tof> and for more information, contact Donnie or Fr Paul on (02) 9296 6369 or [donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au](mailto:donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au) or [paul.roberts@ifm.org.au](mailto:paul.roberts@ifm.org.au)

## **ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX VISIT: MARCH 4**

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from 9.30pm on Wednesday March 4th. The relics are expected to leave the Cathedral the following day for the Diocese of Broken Bay at 6.15am. Books and various items will be available for purchase.

## **SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: MARCH 4**

An invitation is extended to come and share a drink and discuss this year's theme: "20/20 visions - towards the future". Paddington RSL - 7.30pm. More information, contact Marea on 0414 873 910 or via email:

[mareadonovan@gmail.com](mailto:mareadonovan@gmail.com)

## **INSTITUTE FOR MISSION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: STARTING MARCH 10**

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on (02) 9296 6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

## **NATIONAL BIENNIAL LITURGY CONFERENCE: MARCH 12 - 14**

The Diocese of Parramatta is hosting the National Biennial Liturgy Conference, an Australian gathering of liturgy representatives, pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in liturgy. The Conference, to be held at Novotel Parramatta from 12 to 14 March, will include an excellent variety of workshops whilst focusing on fostering and forming the people of God at prayer. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456.

## **CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES**

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.