



# Sunday 8th of March, 2020

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Year A



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
**Trainee Deacon:** John Collins  
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[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 19th 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:** Dorothea Ellis

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Theodore Greuter

**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 blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus. © 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: Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42

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

**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, **Volunteer Requested Please**

**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

**14th March / 15th March - Third Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Gabby Scanlon	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy	Thea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Mario Azzopardi John Lacey	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Jim Kinsella	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeaug Nick Said Ruth Jilesh

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook: Coordinator, Mary Cook: Pre-school, Caroline Elchaar: Yr 2-3, Paula Mitchell: Yr 4-6

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Mario Azzopardi, Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP 1:** Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Graeme Gardiner, John Coakley

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Gillian Mobbs, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP 3:** Robyn Bacon, Kim Fryer, Frances Gallagher

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

**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 Club 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 or via email: [Dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com](mailto:Dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com)

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.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA: COVID-19 UPDATE



Dear brothers and sisters,

You will be aware through the media and other sources of emerging concerns over the spread of COVID-19 (earlier referred to corona virus.) Several weeks ago, I issued on behalf of Bishop Vincent some directions around certain liturgical practices which have been accepted by the clergy and people of the Diocese, and it has provided a measure of protection and comfort for many of our people who are rightly concerned about this health issue. A new set of directions were sent to the clergy which adheres to advice that we have received from public health authorities about the risks of transmission associated with the virus. One of these risks concerns the administration of Holy Communion. In the Latin Church, Holy Communion can be received in two ways, either on the tongue or in the hand. From today, Holy Communion can only be received in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. I understand that for those of you who normally received Holy Communion on the tongue that this is a matter of pious practice and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and that you may have been doing so your entire life. In the current circumstances, I ask that you adjust to the practice of Holy Communion in the hand for the sake of your fellow parishioners. I further ask that you respect those administering Holy Communion, both ordinary and extraordinary ministers, who have received a directive that they cannot administer Holy Communion on the tongue.

Every blessing in this season of Lent, Very Rev Peter G. Williams - Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia. 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 phoning 1800 024 413.



DATE	TOPIC
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 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. 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 2	Tuna in Oil
WEEK 3	Cooking Oil
WEEK 4	Tinned tomatoes, Red Kidney Beans/ Chickpeas
WEEK 5	Long life Milk
WEEK 6	Pasta / Spaghetti



### OLMC OPEN DAY - THIS SUNDAY 8 MARCH

10AM – 2PM

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2020. Discover how OLMC is transforming learning by touring the College, meeting with staff and students and seeing our Mercy Values in action. Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is a leading Catholic independent girls' school founded on the Mercy charism. Inspired by the pursuit of excellence, our community values the development of each individual as a learner, leader and teacher; continually expanding beyond what we know we can be. Principals Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm. Please register on the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare

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

## **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE MARCH EDITION**

Copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine now available in the church foyer. 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. Take a copy home before you leave today.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE PROGRAM**

The Life Marriage & Family Office is looking for married couples to volunteer to undertake a free training course for a new program to be launched in the Diocese in late 2020. The Retrouvaille program aims to assist couples struggling in their marriage. For more information or expressions of interest, please call Karin Abrams on (02) 8838 3460 or email: [lmf@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org)

## **CCD GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PRESENTATIONS: STARTING 6 MARCH**

Each year, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine offers a series of presentations on the Gospel of the Year as part of Level 3 training of catechists. Dr Laurie Woods will present on the Gospel of Matthew for 5 Fridays starting on 6 March from 10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. There is no cost but please contact Maree Collis on 8838 3486 to register.

## **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 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).

## **BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL - MARCH 21 & 22**

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## **PILGRIMAGE WITH FR PAUL MARSHALL: 18 SEPTEMBER – 11 OCTOBER**

Fr Paul Marshall, from Greystanes Parish, will be leading a pilgrimage stopping at Fatima, and Lourdes with visits to other sites of notable saints such as Teresa of Avila and Ignatius of Loyola in Spain, Therese of Lisieux and St Vincent de Paul in France, then to Padua, Florence, Assisi (being in Assisi for St Francis' Feast Day on 4 October), Rome and return to Sydney on 11 October. For more information call Harvest 1800 819 156 or [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

## **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.