

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS



18th November 2018  
*Thirty-Third Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time*  
 YEAR B



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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 Term  
**Playgroup:** Fri 9.30 to 11.30 During School Term  
 Parish Services  
**Sunday Masses:** **Weekday Masses:**  
 6.00pm Saturday Tuesday 7.30 pm  
 8.00 am Sunday Wednesday 9.00 am  
 10.00 am Sunday Thursday 9.00 am  
 Friday 9.15 am  
 Saturday 9.00 am  
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### Gospel Reflection

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful. We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

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### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Our parish will be celebrating its patronal feast day next Saturday evening, 24 November, beginning with the 6 PM Mass presided over by Bishop Vincent. It will also be an opportunity to acknowledge and thank those many volunteers and ministers in our community for all the work they do throughout the year in so many arenas. After mass we will share a BBQ together in the parish hall and acknowledge our Spring Fair sponsors as well as presenting a cheque from the money raised to the Jesuit refugee service. If parishioners could assist by providing a salad or a desert it would be gratefully appreciated. After the 3 masses this weekend a parish representative will have a sheet for people to sign up if they can assist so we avoid either under catering or over catering for this gathering. Also, assistance is required to set up tables and chairs in the MacKillop hall for the event on Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 PM. All the family and friends of our community are invited to share this great day next Saturday evening. Look forward to seeing you there.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 16th February 2019 at 9am PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED: THE SICK** : Henry Iwanski, Nicole Capper, Afifi Elchaar, Dorothea Ellis , Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Tim Coakley, Delphine Ferreira and Stan Burgin.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Balambal (Irene) Naidu

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DECEASED ON OUR PARISH NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST**

**This week's Reading: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ord. Time: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32**  
**Next week's Reading: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe: Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37**

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

**18th November—thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> 17 November 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Isabelle Chacty
<b>SUNDAY</b> 18 November 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi Christine Kinsella James Kinsella Jui-May Lee	Pauline Zhao
<b>SUNDAY</b> 18 November 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael NG	David Collins	John DeCourcy Stephen Doyle		Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Lorraine Murphy Jenny Roddy	Darren So Wea Yeung

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Mario Azzopardi, Jose Jilesh, Christine Kinsella, John Lacey.

**COUNTER GROUP: 2-**Keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs.

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad.

**PIETY GROUP 2-** Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf.

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

**25th November—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> 24 November 6.00 pm	Ken Boys George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Rob Haddad John Khoudair Dawn peat Kerry Saad Gerard Sadaya	Sitara Thaman	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth Diane Campbell Gillian Mobbs	Darren So
<b>SUNDAY</b> 25 November 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Bev Johnson Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cheryl Collins Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
<b>SUNDAY</b> 25 November 10 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Ian McMaster SAM SAFY	Jamie Hoban	Marea Mooney Leila Safy Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Dorothea Price

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Cheryl Collins, Anne-Marie Makin, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP 3 :** Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer, Cass Joyce.

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** CTK School Mums Group 4

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday, 28 November in two sessions (5:30 PM and 7:30 PM) approximately 60 children from our parish community will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This **Wednesday, 21 November, a compulsory meeting for the candidates and their parents** will take place beginning at 7 PM in the Church. Parents please notify the parish on 9871 8710 if an emergency arises and you cannot attend.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting its annual Christmas Hamper Appeal starting on the weekend of November 24th/25th. Sadly for many people, Christmas is a time of despair as they struggle to pay their bills and put food on the table. The idea of buying gifts for their children and preparing a special

Christmas dinner is out of reach altogether. Many turn to St Vincent de Paul for help at this time.

So, we are now appealing to the Parish Community to help us help the less fortunate.

The Giving Trees are at the rear of the Church with tags specifying hamper items and gifts for children.

Please take a tag, purchase the items and place in the baskets. All items need to be back by December 9th as the Hampers need to be delivered by December. The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul greatly appreciates your generosity.

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR—18 NOVEMBER

Please remember the poor in your prayer today. Pope Francis challenged us to reflect on the message of the gospel and Psalm 34:7 "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him. Pope Francis.

## MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE –

### Advent Festival of Readings and Songs

The Advent Season recalls the coming on earth of the Incarnate Word, deepens our awareness of Christ's presence in the church today and heightens our hope and longing for his return.

This festival of readings and songs gives expression to the Advent themes of watching and waiting, expectancy and hope, helping us to ponder the coming of Christ in history, in mystery and in glory.

**Date:** Sunday 2 December

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

4.30pm-5.30pm Advent Festival

**Reserve your place** by email

[mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) or ph 87525390

by Monday 26 November

**Where:** 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

## SUBDIVISION OF 1 STATHAM AVENUE (PREVIOUSLY THE CONVENT)

Work is now complete on the block behind the convent and plans have been lodged with NSW Land Registry Service for a new lot on 20 Somerset Drive. The new block is approximately 791 square meters. The Parish will be looking to sell this property in the near future.

Anyone interested in information about the property should contact either Father Ian or Robert Haddad. (Mob: 0414 661 038)

## CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Parramatta Catholic Foundation thanks Parishioners for their kind-hearted, generous support which raised \$1.2 million in the last year for vital ministry and works of Faith, Hope and Charity. Annually, the Diocese of Parramatta contributes over \$3.6 million to sustain the charitable works of CatholicCare, Holy Spirit Seminary, special religious education in schools, and Ephpheta Centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Thanks to your support, we can more widely proclaim and teach the gospel; and help, heal and serve those most in need.

[www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au)

## 'LAUDATO SI' IN ACTION' ECOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR PARISHES: DECEMBER 1

A workshop for parishioners interested in linking, learning and sharing together, sowing the seeds for a green parish. Holy Family Parish, 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton 10:30 – 12:30. For more information

[sue.martin@parracatholic.org](mailto:sue.martin@parracatholic.org)

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 6 DECEMBER

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 1 November at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.

## GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by email: [info@griegtograces.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograces.org.au) or phone 0478599241.

## PALM AUSTRALIA—VOLUNTEERS

Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa.

For more information:

[www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)

**PLAYGROUP.** Would you like to meet other parents (mums dad and grandparents too) with young children, give your children a social experience and you a break from your usual morning routine? Come and bring your little ones and you will get to enjoy a chat with others who are also taking a break, while your children get to enjoy playing with toys, playdough and paints. Where? Christ the King playgroup meets in Mary Mackillop hall every Friday from 10am to 11.30am. All you need to do is to bring a morning tea snack for your child.

### **REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN - PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT: 24 NOVEMBER**

As we approach the end of the year things seem to speed up around us. Don't get caught in it, take some time out for prayer and reflection. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch, tea & coffee provided. To register

[info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or Ph: 4773 8338

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE: 8 DECEMBER**

Annual Mass and Christmas Lunch at midday. Mackillop Centre, Mount Street, North Sydney. For more information visit the ACHS website

[www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au)

#### **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 Catholic Foundation Appeal.

#### **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.

#### **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.



All Youth in Years 6 to 8 are invited and are most welcome to join us this term on: This term's theme is:

#### **BE NOT AFRAID...**

**Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 pm:** God knows our failings but calls us by our name, the devil knows our name but reminds us of our failings. This week we will be looking at the sacrament of reconciliation and how to embrace the healing love it offers us.

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm:** Do you know what makes you SPECIAL? Come along this week to find out about your gifts and how to make the most of them.

**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 pm: Year of Youth Advent Adoration Night** The youth of the parish would like to invite you all to join us for a night with Jesus, for the Year of Youth, to reflect on the blessings of 2018, and to ready ourselves for Christmas.

**Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm:** Swipe to answer. This week we welcome special guests to talk to us about our Vocation, what it could be, and how we can figure it out.

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm:** End of term/end of year social – **To all year 5's** who will be in year 6 in 2019, we warmly welcome and invite you to join us this week.

As ever, if you would like any more information, please contact Adam via email or mobile.

#### **MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: 20 NOVEMBER**

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris de Souza VG PP. St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park.

RSVP 16 November Ph: 02 8843 2530 or

[rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)

contact [meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au)