

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS



25th November 2018  
*Our Lord Jesus*  
*King of the Universe*  
**YEAR B**



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<b>Baptisms</b>	Monthly 2nd & 4th Sun
<b>Weddings:</b>	By Appointment
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Sat 9.30 am & 4.30pm
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b>	Sat 9.30am
<b>Rosary:</b>	Sat 8.30am
<b>Children's Liturgy:</b>	10am Mass-During Term
<b>Playgroup:</b>	Fri 9.30 to 11.30 During School Term
Parish Services	
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	<b>Weekday Masses:</b>
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*



## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

#### **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** : Peter Craft, Roger Snaith, 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: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe: Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18: 33-37**

**Next week's Reading: First Sunday of Advent—Year C— Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12—4:2;**

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

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY 24 November 6.00 pm</b>	Ken Boys George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Rob Haddad John Khoudair Dawn peat Kerry Saad	Sitara Thaman	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth Diane Campbell Gillian Mobbs	Darren So
<b>SUNDAY 25 November 8.00 am</b>	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 25 November 10.00 am</b>	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

**2nd December—First Sunday of Advent—Year C**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY 1st December 6.00 pm</b>	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Peter Hrast	Sue Veling Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>SUNDAY 2nd December 8.00 am</b>	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ilana Blazevic Christine Kinsella John Lacey Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
<b>SUNDAY 2nd December 10 am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	John Colman	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Jamie Hoban	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Lisa Hoban Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeung

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Christine Kinsella, John Lacey, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 4 :** Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt.

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Mark and Carmela Corazza, Bernadette Ghalloub, Ramona Yammouni, Maria Ellis, Mariana Tomasovic.

## 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. Please pray for those children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.

## 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 or ph 87525390 by Monday 26 Nov [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au)

**Add:** 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Rd. **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.

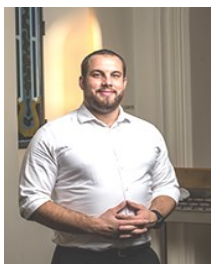
Anyone interested in information about the property

Should contact either Father Ian or Robert Haddad. (Mob: 0414 661 038)



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

## SEMINARIAN APPOINTED FOR SHORT-TERM PASTORAL EXPERIENCE IN THE PARISH



The Holy Spirit Seminary, Diocese of Parramatta, has placed second year seminarian, Michael Axiak for pastoral experience in our parish from 27<sup>th</sup> November -25<sup>th</sup> December. I am sure we will welcome Michael and make him feel at home. He will

also be present on our Feast day celebrations. Below is a short biography from Michael.

"I was born and raised in Westmead (taught by Mr Hughes), as the eldest of 5 children; and went to high school at Parramatta Marist. Completed a Bachelor of Music in performance, drums in 2011. Only to discover that it did not satisfy the deepest desires of my heart. After spending time working to travel the world, I found myself in Ireland and the thought came to me for the first time... 'maybe being a priest wouldn't be as bad as I thought'. Since then I have endeavoured to fully surrender my life to God, and as a result have gained a greater sense of fulfilment in my life. I am looking forward to spending the next month at Christ the King Parish and meeting each of you. Please come and say 'hi'."

## CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

The Catholic Foundation's next fundraising initiative will be Bishop Vincent's Christmas Appeal. This appeal will take place over the weekend of 1 and 2 December.

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.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

[www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au)  
[sue.martin@parracatholic.org](mailto:sue.martin@parracatholic.org)

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: 30 NOVEMBER 7:30 PM.

Diocese of Parramatta deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta this Friday at 7:30pm. All are welcome, however, due to the anticipated size of the celebration, an outside broadcast with seating will be provided in the Cathedral cloister for those wishing to attend. Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta) Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral.

**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.

#### **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)

##### **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)

##### **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 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.

##### **THANK YOU MESSAGE**

Catholic Mission is sending a heart-felt thanks to all those parishioners who contributed to the Catholic Mission Appeal held at the Parish in May. Total amount raised : **\$3881.20**

##### **CHRISTMAS AT THE SHRINE—KELLYVILLE— SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER.**

##### **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 1.00 TO 5.30 PM**

Join the friar for a Christmas at the Shrine. Christmas Carols –live entertainment, sausage sizzle, blessings of religious articles. The day will conclude with a procession to Our Lady of the Rosary and the Vigil Mass.

##### **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@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241.