

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS



2nd December 2018  
*1st Sunday of Advent*  
 YEAR C



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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



The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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#### 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:

Fr James Maloney CM and Walter Armstrong.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THE DECEASED IN OUR PRAYER.**

**This week's Reading: First Sunday of Advent—Year C: Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**

**Next week's Reading: Second Sunday of Advent – Year C– Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6**

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

### 2nd December—1st Sunday of Advent—Year C

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY 1st December 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	Isabelle Chacty
<b>SUNDAY 2nd December 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 2nd December 10.00 am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Ian McMaster SAM SAFY	Jamie Hoban	Marea Mooney Leila Safy Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt	Darren So

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

**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.

### 9th December—Second Sunday of Advent—Year C

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY 8th December 6.00 pm</b>	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Georgette Rissmiller	Sitara Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>SUNDAY 9th December 8.00 am</b>	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	James Kinsella	Jennifer Alphonse Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
<b>SUNDAY 9th December 10 am</b>	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Bosci	Ilana Blazevic Stephen Doyle		Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Dominic Wong

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Cheryl Collins, James Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 5 :** Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy.

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8:** Reyna Mendes, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP 1:** Maria Bietola, Tony and Catherine Hughes, Mary Magill.

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

# THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2018 Feast of Christ the King celebrations last Saturday evening. Thanks to **all** who were involved in the celebration of the liturgy with Bishop Vincent and for all who provided food and helped set up and clean up the Hall for this wonderful and fitting celebration of our parish feast day.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Father Ian on behalf of the parish community would like to express his thanks to the members of the Sacramental Team: Diane Campbell, Lesley Bosci, Cate Joseph and Monica Burley for all their wonderful work in assisting 45 children to prepare for First Reconciliation. We congratulate those children who will be receiving their certificates this weekend at their nominated masses. Children from CTK School year 3 will also be attending the 10 AM Mass this weekend.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

### Monday 24 December: Christmas Vigil

6 pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)  
9 pm Family Mass

### Tuesday 25 December: Christmas Day Masses

8.00 am and 10.00 am

## Reconciliation:

### Northern Deanery 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 19 December at 7:30 PM to be held at St Michael's Church, Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills

### Individual Confession at CTK: Saturday 22

December 9.30—10.00 am and 4.30—5.30 pm

## 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.



## 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 this weekend .

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.

## NORTH ROCKS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:

Volunteers needed Tuesday 4th December at 7.30 pm at North Rocks Community church, 132 North Rocks Road, North Rocks to make up Lollie Bags and collect Flyers for distribution. For any further information contact—Lorraine Murphy 0407 691 576.

## 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 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@griefftoaceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftoaceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241 for more information visit [www.griefftoaceaus.org](http://www.griefftoaceaus.org)

**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.



**Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

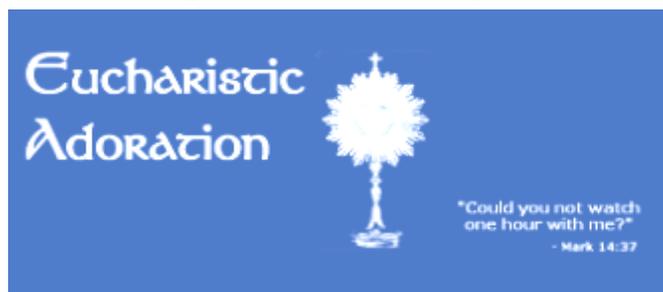
**7:30 pm: Year of Youth  
Advent Adoration Night**

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 and the year ahead

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

**EVENING ADORATION - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Christ the King Parish—7.30—9.00 pm**



All are invited to join the youth Group in prayer and Eucharistic adoration, followed by a light supper.

**CHRISTMAS STALL**

Look out for our Christmas stall next week Sunday 8th/9th December. All proceeds to Vinnies.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

**This Christmas Morning.....**

If you are a single person, a couple, or a family, you are warmly invited to share a Christmas Brunch with our St Michaels Community.

We would love to share Christmas with you! Equally, if you know anyone who even *might* be spending Christmas by themselves, bring them along, and we'll celebrate together.

A delicious brunch will be served at 11am on Christmas Day, 25th December, in the St. Michael's Old Church at Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills.

Transport can be arranged, just let us know when you RSVP if you would like a pick up or to be dropped off. Please contact David on 0421 051 029 or at [david@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:david@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.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: 478599241.

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