

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## NORTH ROCKS



15th December 2018  
*3rd 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
<b>Parish Services</b>	
<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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### 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 :** Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Mary Magill, Tim Coakley, Delphine Ferreira and Stan Burgin.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Craft, Roger Snaith, Neville Chie, Jim Young and Greg Keating.

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

Ana Tran Bach Nhan, Morrie, Tony & Soraya Khalife, John & Maree George, Phillip and Yvonne Boulous, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu and Antoun Yammouni whose anniversary occur.

### Gospel Reflection



We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the LORD is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birthpangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

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### ADVENT WREATH

Today is known traditionally as *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday, marking the half-way point through the Sundays of Advent. (This year it's closer to two-thirds of the way through the season.) Rose (Pink) vestments may be used today, and the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit today. This week we light the Third Candle – the Rose one which symbolizes JOY. It reminds us of the great LIGHT and JOY which surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus' birth. It is a flame of JOY, as we recall with gratitude what God has given.



The first and second readings today proclaim a message of joy. The prophet Isaiah proclaims, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels." St. Paul commands us to "rejoice always."

**This week's Reading: Third Sunday of Advent—Year C—Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18**

**Next week's Reading: Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year C—Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44**

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

**16th December—Third Sunday of Advent—Year C**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> 15th December 6.00 pm	Ke4n Boys Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	George Germanos Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Peter Blyth Diane Campbell Cecilie McCarron	Isabelle Chacty
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16th December 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	David Collins	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi Ilana Blazevic Christine Kinsella Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16th December 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Jamie Hoban	Ian Mc aster Sam Safy	Volunteer	Cate Joseph Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeung

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Mario Azzopardi, David Collins, Christine Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Leni Adan

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1:** CTK School Mums Group 1.

**23rd December—Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year C**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
<b>SATURDAY</b> 22nd December 6.00 pm 4th Sun of Advent	George Germanos Roger Hook	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Sitara Thaman	Sue DeCourcy John Lacey Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23rd December 8.00 am 4th Sun of Advent	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Cheryl Collins Christine Kinsella Gerianne Sadaya Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23rd December 10 am 4th Sun of Advent	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Ian McMaster	Jamie Hoban	Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Cheryl Collins, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham.

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

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

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Helena Rouman.

## 24th/25th December—Christmas Vigil—Christmas Day- Year C

<b>Monday 24th December 6.00 pm Children Mass</b>	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Sue veling Inge Wienker		Maria Bietola Frank Lah Nesli Nuguid Dianne Vogt	Darren So
<b>Monday 24th December 9.00 pm Youth Mass</b>	Chris Brown Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya		Margaret Coakley Sue DeCourcy Marea Mooney Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban
<b>Tuesday 25th December 8.00 am Christmas Day</b>	Christine Kinsella Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey`	Sarah Cook	Trish Tates	Carmelita Khoo Christine Kinsella James Kinsella Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
<b>Tuesday 25th December 10.00 am Christmas Day</b>	Ken Boys Graeme Gardner	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Sam Safy		Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Cecilie McCarron Leila Safy	Dominic Wong

### 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

### NORTHERN DEANERY CHRISTMAS SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Come and celebrate, for Christmas, God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be held this Wednesday, 19 December, at St Michael's Church, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills beginning at 7:30 PM. Priests from the Northern Deanery will be in attendance.

*For further Mass Time across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains visit [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)*



#### THIS FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

**DECEMBER, 2018 5.00**

**PM - 9.00 PM** at North  
Rocks Park (cnr of Farnell  
Ave & North Rocks Rd)

Come and join the local  
community with your

family. Carol singing from 7:30pm

**Please collect some flyers and invite your neighbours to come along to the North Rocks Carols by Candlelight.**

A Community event for all the family brought to you by The Christian Churches of our local area – Yes, truly an Ecumenical endeavour.

Hope to see you all there. CTK will have an information stall there this year.

**It would be wonderful to have some VOLUNTEERS to help at the stall.** Please contact: Lorraine Murphy 0407 691 576.

#### CTK SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS



Christ the King Primary school will celebrate their end of year Thanksgiving mass this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December beginning at 9:15 AM.

At the conclusion of the mass presentations and awards will occur. Parishioners please note that the **Wednesday morning mass will begin at 9:15 AM not 9 AM for this WEEK ONLY.**



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: 29 DECEMBER

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite family and youth (age 18-35) to join us for a Celebration Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family. Saturday 29 December 2018 at 3:00pm. Join us also for pizza at 5:30pm. 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. RSVP to Sr Paula by 27 December via [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.

## WALK THE CAMINO PORTUGUÉS

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

### 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.**

## THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE: THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and an outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and join parishioners in daily Mass, Adoration, prayer, catechesis and fellowship. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org). For updates and to follow the journey see [www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)



## 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)

## 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. (0414 661 038)

## ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is bringing Christmas cheer by opening an on-site gift shop. Opening hours will be 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For more information visit: <https://stpatrcathedral.com.au/>