



CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS



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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 School Term
Playgroup: Fri 10.00 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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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
 The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on **Sat 18 May 2019 at 9am Mass.**
IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:
THE SICK : Daniele Donu, Sr Venera Nicolosi OSU, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, , Jan & Stan Burgin.
THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Dorothy Campbell, Edgardo Diaz Tapiador, Naguib Khalil, Fr Graham Kings (former PP of Berala), Carmel Szabo, Edgardo Diaz Tapiador, Avedis (Charlie) Qasabian, Br Joseph Byrne FSP, Sr. Elizabeth (Bonaventure) Woods CHF (Holy Faith Sisters, New Zealand, Australia and Ireland, Jack Papallo (Lena Hanson's Uncle), and Sr. Margaret Armstrong. IBVM
ANNIVERSARIES:
 Edith Azzopardi, Nguyen Van NU , Nguyen Van Toan, Jimmy, Carmelina, Giuseppina, Beniamino, Cutrone and George Cutrone Jnr, Bill Costello and All Souls.

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.

03 March 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR C

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES—6 MARCH
Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass and the distribution of Ashes will be at 9.00 am (with CTK Primary School and at 7.30 pm



Pope Francis describes Lent, which begins on March 6, Ash Wednesday, and ends on April 18, as a "joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed...as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ."

"When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit and capable of acknowledging and obeying God's law... we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption" he wrote.

"Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death." Pope Francis argued that straying from God's path leads to destructive behaviour toward oneself and others, as intemperance and a life of excess take over, while the godforsaken live without hope for the future.

This is why it is so important to stay focused on Easter and the prospect of salvation and resurrection, so as not to let greed and self-interest govern people's lives, he wrote.

Moreover, sin disrupts people's relationship with God as well as with the environment, he continued, as "sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures."

At this point, the strong prevail over the weak, Pope Francis said, leading to "the exploitation of creation."

"The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery," he noted.

The fasting, praying and alms giving undertaken at Lent "is a sacramental sign of this conversion" to becoming "children of God," at if draws us away from selfish obsessions like hoarding and egotism and "the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us," he wrote.

Urging the faithful not to let Lent pass in vain, the pope called on them to "stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them." We do this through the Caritas Appeal Project Compassion.

This week's Reading: 8th Sun Ord Time Year C– Sirach 27:4-7; 1Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Next week's Reading: First Sunday of Lent Year C– Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10; 8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website www.universalis.com

2/3 March— 8th Sun Ord. Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Geroge Germanos Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Sitara Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	John DeCourcy Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Anne-Marie Makin Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Jennifer Alphonse Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Co-Ord.) Paula Mitchell (pre-School) Sarah Garland (Yr 2-3) Terri Hirschhorn (Yr 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Anne-Marie Makin

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Gillian Mobbs, 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

9/10 March—First Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy Gerard Sadaya	Volunteer	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	Chris Brown John Murphy	David Collins	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Jamie Hoban	Sarah Cook Sam SAFY	Volunteer	Jennifer Alphonse Margaret Coakley Leila Safy Dianne Vogt	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Co.Ord) Lisa Hoban (pre-School) Aileen Beaini (Yr 2-3) Paula Mitchell (Yr 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: David Collins, Aubon Fernando, James Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 2– Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

CHURCH CLEANING Group 1– CTK School Mums Group 1, Julie Bechara

PARISH SECRETARY RETIRING

After, just over 7 years, working as parish secretary at Christ the King, Nadine Lucas is retiring from her full-time position on Friday 15 March. We are grateful for her dedicated ministry among us for this time. The parish has the opportunity to publicly thank her, on Sunday, 17 March at the 10 AM Mass after which we will share a morning tea together.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMS

At Christ the King Parish we have 4 groups conducting Lenten Programs that meet in a parishioner's home. Please join one of the groups by calling the group leader

Robert Haddad—0414 661 038—Wednesday at 8.00pm

Rachel Elliott—0411 821027—Monday at 7.30pm

Lorraine Murphy—9871 7293— Wednesday at 2.00pm

Adam Chioatto—0423 077 677 —Youth Group

MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

ADORATION EVENING- MONDAY 11TH MARCH

All are welcome to attend the first Adoration evening for the year held on Monday 11th March from 7:30pm-9pm. This is a great opportunity to start your Lenten journey by spending some one on one time with Jesus. The youth of the Parish will lead you in a night of prayer, worship and reflection followed by a light supper. For more information please contact

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UPDATE CHRIST THE KING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2019

The Parish Pastoral Council, at its first meeting for 2019 last Wednesday evening, elected its office bearers for this year. The new Chairman is Jason Scanlon, Vice Chairman: Anne-Marie Makin and continuing Secretary: Julie Bonney. We congratulate these people and thank them for taking on this important role in our parish community. We particularly thank Peter Elchaar for his contribution to the council as Chairman for the last 4 years. Whilst Peter is stepping down from the Council he will continue to work in the arena he is so good at: hospitality and socially connecting parishioners. Further information about the new Parish Council and its members will be published shortly.

NORTHERN DEANERY FAMILY PICNIC DAY

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend a gathering of all the parishes in our Northern Deanery for a family picnic on Sunday, 17 March from 10 AM to 4 PM at Madeline Sophie parish, 28 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst. Youth groups are especially invited to be involved and entertainment and activities will be arranged for children and young people. Due to the possibility of fire restrictions it is suggested rather than a barbecue, people provide their own food and beverages to eat and drink. This activity is being organised by the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council to build fraternity between parishes in our Deanery your support in this initiative would be greatly appreciated. Kenthurst is a wonderful environment for a picnic.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, **6 March 2019**. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: <https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/>



Project Compassion Sunday 3rd March 2019



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration. Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry for more information and to register online or call 02 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

ENROLMENTS—CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christ the King Primary school currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. For further enrolment information, please contact the school office on 8846 2700 during school hours. Our Open day will be held on Friday **8th March between 9.00—11.00 am**. We look forward to welcoming you to our School Community.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR AND PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will meet again on Friday 1 March 10am -11.30am in Mary Mackillop hall. New members welcome. Good Neighbours will meet next in Mary Mackillop hall on Thursday 7 March 10am -1.00pm. All welcome.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION—APRIL 5-7 AND OCT 25-27

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 5-7 and Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 26-28 APRIL

This is a marriage enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset - your marriage! **26-28 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com**

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 Parramatta Catholic Foundation Account.

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.