



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 - 11.30am - during School Term
Good Neighbour Group: Meet at the Mary MacKillop Hall every second Thursday at 10.00 am
(Next meeting this Thursday 28th March)
 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 : Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, Jan & Stan Burgin
THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Jackie Larter, (Funeral Thursday 28 at 11:30am)
 Eileen Murphy (Mother of Niall Murphy), Maree Teresa Bourke, Shirley O'Brien,
ANNIVERSARIES:
 Therese Decotter, Laurice Behan, Jim Saad, Robert Bechara Moussa.
DECEASED:
 Tony, Soraya and Morrie Khalife, Yvonne and Phillip Boulous, John and Maree George, Nguyen Van Nu, Nguyen Van Toan 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.

24 March 2019
Third Sunday of Lent
YEAR C

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for baptised Catholic children eligible to receive the next sacrament of initiation (First Holy Communion) into full membership of the Church.

Children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish Masses on the weekend of 22nd/23rd June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (without children) this Wednesday, 27th March commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program and enrolment procedure will be explained and any questions answered. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is essential that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

This week's Reading: Third Sunday of Lent Year C– Ex 3:1-8. 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Next week's Reading: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C - Jos 5:9-12 , 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

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

23/24 March—Third Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty John Khoudair	Volunteer	Maria Bietola Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	James Kinsella	Jennifer Alphonse John DeCourcy	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jamie Hoban John Lacey Cecilie McCarron Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Volunteer	Diane Campbell Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Dianne Vogt	Julia Hoban

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook (Co-Ord.) Lynette Kaddis (Pre-school) Caroline Elchaar (Yr 2-3) Sarah Garland (Yr 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Aubon Fernando, James Kinsella, John Lacey, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 6: Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 4: Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING Group 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris Poole, Beverley Poole, Leo Bautista, Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

30/31 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musician
Saturday 6.00 pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad	Sitara Thaman	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8.00 am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
Sunday 10.00 am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Volunteer Required	Jamie Hoban	Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Co-Ord) Yrs 2-3, Mary Cook (Pre-school), Paula Mitchell Yrs 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Anne-Marie Makin, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP 6: Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

PIETY Group 1 - Maria Bietola

CHURCH CLEANING Group 4 - CTK School Mums Group 4, Julie Bechara

VISIT OF BISHOP VINCENT

Bishop Vincent's office has contacted the parish to advise that he would like to celebrate mass in our parish on Saturday, 13 April at 6pm vigil Mass for Palm/Passion Sunday. We welcome his visit amongst us at the beginning of Holy Week.

PRACTICE FOR PALM SUNDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY PASSION NARRATIVE

For those parishioners involved in the upcoming Easter celebrations, practise sessions will be held in the Church as follows:

Palm Sunday Passion Readers Practise Session: Sunday 7th April commencing at 11am (after Mass)

Good Friday Passion Readers Practise Session: Saturday 13th April commencing at 10:15am

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

This Thursday, 28th March there will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee commencing at 7:30 PM in the presbytery.

Bishop Vincent's Statement on the Christchurch Attack

Bishop Vincent has issued a statement on the Christchurch attack. The statement can be found here:

catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack

JOIN ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit stpatrcathedral.com.au/music or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

DR LAURIE WOODS

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of St Luke. Venue: IFM Marion St Blacktown. Time: 10am – 2pm. Dates: Fridays March 29, April 5, 12. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR VISITING RESIDENTS OF AGED CARE FACILITY

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

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

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

SAFEGUARDING SUPERHEROES: 28 MARCH

Ensuring a safe environment for young people is an essential requirement of any ministry initiative. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The Diocese of Parramatta is hosting an evening for 'on the ground' volunteers who are predominantly present at activities or ministries that involve young people. Let's build a network of safeguarding officers for the future! 28 March from 6:30-9pm at the Novotel Hotel, Norwest. More details at: parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe

JRS FOODBANK

The Jesuit Refugee Service's foodbank provides much needed fresh food, non-perishable items, and toiletries to over 350 individuals and families every month. We invite you to join our Lenten Foodbank Appeal: "6 weeks of Lent- Give 6 Things". JRS have identified six staple items that are most frequently requested, and we are encouraging parishioners to bring one designated item to their parish each week over Lent. Contact 02 9098 9336 or kim.smith@jrs.org.au for more information.



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future. Lives change when we all give 100%.

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



FRIDAY 12th April: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St John 23rd Stanhope Gardens at 7:30pm

MONDAY 15th April: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's Baulkham Hills at 7:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY 18th April: Mass of the LORD'S Supper at CTK Church at 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April: Stations of the Cross at CTK Church at 10:00am

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION at CTK Church at 3:00pm

SATURDAY 20th April: Individual Reconciliation at CTK Church 3:00—4:00pm

(No Reconciliation at 9am)

EASTER VIGIL 20th April — 6pm at CTK Church

EASTER SUNDAY 21st April —MASSES 8:00am AND 10:00am at CTK Church

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.