

## 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". (e.g. Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Sanitary pads, Instant noodles, Shampoo and deodorant, Oil(500ml or 750ml), Long life milk, Chick peas, Tuna, Pasta etc) JRS have identified these 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.

## 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 [stpatricks cathedral.com.au/music](http://stpatricks cathedral.com.au/music) or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884.

## 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 Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

## 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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

## GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 19 APRIL

Join over 1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. More details at: [parracatholic.org/cvp](http://parracatholic.org/cvp)

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN: 23 APRIL

A vocation discernment day for women aged 16-29 will be held at Mt Schoenstatt. The theme will be 'Here I Am, the Servant of the Lord' (Luke 1:38). Where is it that God wants me to serve His kingdom on earth? Find answers to this question on 23 April from 10am-4pm. Venue: Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd., Mulgoa. RSVP: 17 April to Sr Luka 0439 537 843 or [srluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srluka@schoenstatt.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.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: 4 - 7 JULY

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. 4-7 July. 02 4236 0533 or [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au) for more information.

## CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) 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 an email address, could you please notify the Parish Office

[northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) as soon as possible. **Thank you**

**ONLINE GIVING** Donations may also be made online via credit card: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks>

If you wish to contribute via Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 for the BSB and Account number for the Parish or Parramatta Catholic Foundation Account.

## BEQUESTS (Please contact the Parish Office for further information)

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. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.



# Sunday 31st March, 2019

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Year C



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The passage from Joshua provides modest sketches of two significant transitions through which Israel passed. The first was social. The people were transported into a land where they could worship their own God freely and openly. The reproach of Egypt had been removed. The second transition was their passage from total dependence for their nourishment on bread from heaven (manna) to a dependence on the bread from the earth. This was a new period in their history. The promise of a land flowing with milk and honey has been fulfilled. This account probably grew out of a liturgical celebration of Passover/Unleavened Bread, a celebration that included some form of historical recital. The psalm is less a prayer than an instruction. Its teaching is the conventional understanding of retribution: the righteous will be blessed and the wicked punished. The psalmist thanks God for having been delivered from distress and invites others to join in praising God. The attitude of the psalmist develops into a pedagogical technique. By confessing the goodness of God, the psalmist is teaching others to act in the same way. Without going into detail, the psalmist confesses having been in distress, having turned to the Lord and been rescued. This is the reason for gratitude, and why the psalmist glorifies God and bids others to do the same. Paul shows God reconciling sinners to God's own self through the death of the innocent Christ. His primary focus is the contrast between this age – the age of sin and alienation from God, and the age to come – the age of fulfilment and union with God. Those transformed in Christ are already living in the new age. To describe their transformation, Paul speaks of a new creation (cf. Isa. 65:17, 66:22; Jer 31:31; Ezek 36:26); of former things giving way to new things (cf. Isa 43:18-19). Reconciliation is the heart of this message, a reconciliation that puts an end to any enmity with God. The new things of which Paul speaks are the reconciling action of God and the message of reconciliation that Paul is to preach. Two groups are singled out in the gospel, tax-collectors and sinners. Tax-collectors were hated because they worked for the despised Roman occupiers and exacted their wages from their compatriots. People whose occupations prevented them from regular observance of the Law were considered sinners. These were the people who came to hear Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes, who dealt with the Law, criticised Jesus for the company he kept. The parable has a double focus. While it is clearly about the mercy God shows repentant sinners (the younger brother), it also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful (the older brother). The picture of the father shatters the traditional patriarchal image and offers us a radically different picture of fatherhood, a picture that was totally incomprehensible to both sons. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## 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.

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity

**Trainee Deacon:** John Collins

**Parish Secretary:** Claudine Nalletamby

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

**Youth Coordinator:** Adam Chioatto

**Mob:** 0423 077 677

**Email:** [ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com](mailto:ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com)

**School Principal:** Tony Hughes

**School Phone:** 8846 2700

**School Web Site:**

[ww.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://ww.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au)

**Baptisms:** Each 2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:15am

**Weddings:** By Appointment

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 9:30am & 4:30pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Saturdays - 9:30am

**Rosary:** Saturdays - 8:30am

**Children's Liturgy:** 10am Mass - *during School Term*

**Playgroup Fridays:** 10 - 11.30am - *during School Term*

**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall every second Thursday at 10:00 am

*(Next meeting this Thursday 11th April)*

## PARISH SERVICES

### Sunday Masses:

6pm Saturday

8am Sunday

10am Sunday

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:30 pm

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9:15 am

Saturday 9am

## Parish Address:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

**Phone:** 9871 8710

**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

**Parish Website:** <https://northrocks.catholic.org.au/>

## 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:** Robert Thorncroft, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, Jan & Stan Burgin

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kazimiera Adamski, Christopher Boyd, Souad Saliba, Jackie Larter, Eileen Murphy, Shirley O'Brien.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Ben Richards, Laurice Behan, Mark Behan, Jim Saad, Nguyen Van Nu, Nguyen Van Toan.

## DECEASED:

Tony, Soraya and Morrie Khalife, Yvonne and Phillip Boulous, John & Maree George, and All Souls.

**This week's Reading: 4th Sunday of Lent Year C** - Jos 5:9-12 , 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

**Next week's Reading:** Is 43:16-21, Ps 125. R. v.3, Phil 3:8-14, Jl 2:12-13, Jn 8:1-11

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

**30th / 31st March - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad Sue Veling	Sitara Thaman	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy John Colman	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Adam Chioatto Gerard Sadaya	Jamie Hoban	Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, **Volunteer Req** - Preschool, Erica Rheinberger - Yrs 2 & 3, Paula Mitchell - Yrs 4-6

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

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** CTK School Mums Group 4 & Julie Bechara

**6th / 7th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Cook	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Diane Campbell Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Graeme Gardiner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Ilana Blazevic Sarah Cook	Alik Orgun	Lisa Hoban Jenny Roddy Leila Safy Dianne Vogt	Dominic Wong

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, Lynette Kaddis - Preschool, Aileen Beaini - Yrs 2 & 3, Sarah Garland - Yr 4 - 6

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Jose Jilesh, James Kinsella, John Lacey

**COUNTER GROUP 1:** Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael Ng, Graeme Gardiner

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Mark & Carmela Corrazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic



**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday / Sunday 22nd & 23rd June**

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 parish) 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 Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd June (feast of Corpus Christi). For those who missed the meeting for parents/guardians last Wednesday evening, enrolment for the program has begun and can now be done by firstly registering online via the parish website link: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/communion-registration/> and by also collecting an enrolment pack from the parish office: Mondays - Fridays 9am - 4pm. The registration site will be open until midnight this Friday 5th April. Be sure to register before this date.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NEXT WEEKEND 6th APRIL 2019**

Daylight Savings ends next weekend. Don't forget to turn your clock **BACK** one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night 6th April. Enjoy the extra hour sleep in!



**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 Practise Session: Sunday 7th April commencing at 11am (after Mass)
- + Good Friday Practise Session: Saturday 13th April commencing at 10:15am



**EASTER MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

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

**MONDAY 15th April:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8am and 10am at CTK Church**



**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY**

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

