

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Donations made this Good Friday make a direct impact on Christians living in the Holy Land. In the words of Paul VI, "It is not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." Please give generously.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday 28th April, 2019

### St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills

Join the Celebrations of Divine Mercy Sunday between 1:30pm and 5:00pm, including Reconciliation (note that Reconciliation commences at 1:00pm), Mass at 2:00pm, Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Please bring a plate (if you can) for afternoon tea. All welcome. "Tell the whole world of My great mercy ... mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Jesus to St Faustina). Enquiries: Greg 0419 228 199.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## WALKING WITH REFUGEES

Free workshop conducted by the Humanitarian HUB which supports volunteers working with people who have suffered persecution. The workshop will highlight issues such as privacy and confidentiality, cross-cultural competency, working with people who have experienced trauma, professional boundaries and parishioners' mental health and wellbeing. The workshop will be Saturday 27th April, 10am - 3pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, Greystanes. Lunch provided. Limited places available. Book now. To register please contact Andrea Watkins. Humanitarian Hub Coordinator, The NSW Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (NAPSA) Mobile: 0435 655 906 or Email: [info@nswhumanitarianhub.org.au](mailto:info@nswhumanitarianhub.org.au)

## 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.

CHRIST THE KING  
NORTH ROCKS



# Sunday 14th April, 2019

## Palm (Passion) Sunday

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## GOSEL REFLECTION

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

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This Week's Readings: Palm Sunday - Is 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11  
Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4Jn 2:-1-9  
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

## 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 Nallétamby  
**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:** [www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://www.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 Terms only*  
**Playgroup Fridays:** 10 - 11.30am - *during School Terms only*  
**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillip Hall every second Thursday at 10:00 am

### PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:	Weekday Masses:
6pm Saturday	Tuesday 7:30 pm
8am Sunday	Wednesday 9am
10am Sunday	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:** Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, Jan & Stan Burgin  
**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
Robert Thorncraft (Brother of Anne Raiss), Lorraine Woods, Maree Elchaar, Souad Saliba, Kazimiera Adamski, Christopher Boyd, Jackie Larter, Eileen Murphy, Shirley O'Brien.  
**ANNIVERSARIES:**  
Olga Gialanze, George Healy, Ben Richards, Laurice Behan, Mark Behan, Jim Saad, Nguyen Van Nu, Nguyen Van Toan.  
**DECEASED:**  
Anthony John Loner Gan, Tony, Soraya and Morrie Khalife, Yvonne and Phillip Boulous and All Souls.

**13th / 14th April - Palm (Passion) Sunday**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Dawn Peat Gerard Sadaya Inge Wienker	Sitara Thaman	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Cecilie McCarron Lilia Nuguid	Julia Hoban Chacty Family
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	David Collins	Julie Elliott Carmelita Khoo Margaret Noonan	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Jamie Hoban Ian McMaster Sam Safy Ilana Blazevic	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Ilana Blazevic Diane Campbell Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov	Dominic Wong

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** *No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays*

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** David Collins, Aubon Fernando, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 2:** Keith Henson, John Colman, John Lenehan, George Isaacs

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

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6:** Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus (Coordinator)

**20th / 21st April - Easter Week**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Holy Thursday 7:30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Peter Elchaar	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Jamie Hoban	Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Gillian Mobbs	Julia Hoban
<b>Good Friday 3pm</b>	Roger Hook <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Lance Parker	Stephen Doyle Rob Haddad John Khoudair Anne Gately Gabby Scanlon Jason Scanlon	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Diane Campbell Carmelita Khoo Cecilie McCarron Rosemary Wickham	Dominic Wong
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Inge Weinker <b>2 Readers Required Please</b>	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Dominic Wong
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	James Kinsella	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi Jamie Hoban Carmelita Khoo John Lacey	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Leila Safy Dianne Vogt	Darren So Wea Yeung

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** *No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays*

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Mario Azzopardi, Carmelita Khoo, James Kinsella, John Lacey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Leni Adan

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1:** CTK School Mums Group 1, Julie Bechara

**EASTER MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

**MONDAY 15th April:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation at St Michael's Baukham 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**

**PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR HOLY SATURDAY**

For all readers and acolytes participating in the Easter Vigil, a practice session will be held this Saturday 20th April commencing at 10am in the Church. Thank you.

**COUNTERS REQUIRED**

We are seeking extra assistance for the Easter weekend collections. If you can spare some time on Easter Monday 22nd April after the 9am Mass, please come along. "Many hands make light work". Thank you



**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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

This weekend parishioners will be invited to take a card and pray for the families partaking in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The first session of catechesis will take place on Wednesday 22nd May in the MacKillop Hall at 7:30pm.

**CATECHISTS - SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS APPEAL**

We are looking for volunteers from North Rocks Parish to teach Scripture at Carlingford West Public School on Wednesday mornings. The volunteers are required either to teach classes or assist with teaching classes this year. If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding Ministry or would like some further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332 or Cate Joseph on 0409 397 888

**OFFICE RELOCATION**

The parish office has now been relocated to the right hand side of the presbytery. It has a separate entrance with doorbell for easy access.

Please note the parish office hours are Mondays - Fridays 9am - 4pm.

Our current contact details are phone: 9871.8710 and email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)



**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to parishioners Kathleen and Robert Campbell and the ABC for an extraordinary insight into the difficulty of obtaining meaningful work with people who have a disability on the show last Tuesday evening *Employable Me Australia*. If you missed it is well worth viewing and available on ABC iView at this website address: <http://web.iview.abc-stage.net.au/show/employable-me-australia/series/2/video/DC1829H008500>

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community. 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. **Please return all donations to Project Compassion (either boxes or envelopes) from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday so that these can be processed and banked. Many thanks for your wonderful contributions.**

