

## CARMELITE RETREATS - Growing in the ways of Prayer - MAY RETREATS

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Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord

May 4: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Presenter: Br Emmanuel Noel, OCD Cost: \$30

Let Mary lead us to a deeper relationship with the “Son of the Most High” (Lk 1:32).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

## RAISING LAZARUS RETREAT DAY: 7 MAY

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat and the IFM present a retreat day on 7 May with Dr Bonnie Thurston on *Raising Lazarus: Contemplative Living & Our Inner Journey from Death to New Life*. Held at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. BYO Lunch. To register, please contact [mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org)

## INTERFAITH RELATIONS AFTER CHRISTCHURCH: 10 MAY

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend “Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility,” presented by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday 10 May at the IFM Blacktown. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

## PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION: 11 MAY

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information, visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

## EXPLORING LAUDATO SI: 24 MAY

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend a presentation by Sr Valda Dickenson RSM that explores aspects of Pope Francis’ Letter on Our Common Home – *Laudato Si*. Held on Friday 24 May at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486 and BYO lunch.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 2 MAY

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the Holy Hour for Vocations at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton, on Thursday 2 May at 7pm. Dinner will be served afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula – [vocationscfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.

## 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 28th April, 2019

## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Year C



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations.

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy. Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future. © 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 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 - *Returns*

*this Friday 3rd May*

**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall

every 2nd Thursday at 10am - Next meeting: 9th

May

## 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://northrockscatholic.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:** David Parker, Martin Felice, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marshi, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, Jan & Stan Burgin

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Louise Elliot (Sister of Chris Poole), Victoriana Castaneda (Mother of Jo-Anne Castaneda), Robert Thorncraft, Lorraine Woods, Maree Elchaar, Souad Saliba, Kazimiera Adamski, Christopher Boyd, Jackie Larter.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Campbell, Peter F Murphy, Olga Gialanze, George Healy, Ben Richards, Laurice Behan, Mark Behan.

### DECEASED:

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

This Week's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 Jn 2:-1-9

Next Week's Readings: Acts 5:12-16, Rv 1:9-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

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

27th / 28th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller Sue Veling	Sitara Thaman	Diane Campbell Gillian Mobbs Lorraine Murphy Nesli Nuguid	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	David Collins	Adam Chioatto	Jamie Hoban	Jennifer Alphonse Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Aubon Fernando, Jose Jilesh

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesli Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

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

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

4th / 5th May - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Rosemary Wickham	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Bev Johnson Jason Scanlon	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsell Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Jamie Hoban	Ilana Blazevic Ian McMaster	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph Marea Mooney Leila Safy Dianne Vogt	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, **Sub-requested** - Pre-school, Aileen Baini - Yr 2-3, Sarah Garland - Yr 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Aubon Fernando, Jose Jilesh

COUNTER GROUP 5: Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Gillian Mobbs, Barbara Haddad

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

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

thank you!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who were involved in preparing and celebrating the Easter liturgies. These include and are not limited to: members of the parish liturgy committee; Church cleaners; Barbara Haddad our sacristan; Rosemary Wickham (who cleans the church linen and sacred vessels), floral arrangers, Lesley and Peter Bosci (decorating the church and preparing the Paschal candle); Ken Coorey (preparing the Easter fire and moving chairs from the Hall for the overflow); the team of people that provided refreshments and coffee after Mass; Michael and Trish Yates for organising and leading the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning, the musicians and various choirs, the people who have their feet washed and those who carry the cross; the readers, ushers and acolytes who fulfilled their ministries during the ceremonies. It was a great team effort and your assistance enhanced these most important days of celebration and reflection.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Noel and Caroline White who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Friday 19th April.

50th Anniversary

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday / Sunday 22nd & 23rd June

The first session of catechesis will take place on Wednesday 22nd May in the MacKillop Hall at 7:30pm.



CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY PARISH PLAYGROUP

A reminder that the CTK Primary Playgroup will be commencing for Term 2 this Friday 3rd May commencing at 10am - 11:30am in the Mary MacKillop Hall.



THANK YOU FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online. Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

Please return all donations to the parish so that these can be processed and banked. Many thanks for your wonderful contributions.



WHAT IS PRE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION?

The Parramatta Diocese offers two marriage preparation programs for couples:



1. Weekend Course – This course is held on a Friday evening and all day Sunday of the same weekend.
  2. Prepare Enrich – An individualised inventory with face to face feedback sessions.
- Both preparations are designed to strengthen and enrich your relationship and work on building a rewarding life together. Both preparations offer couples activities designed to explore your relationship together to:

\* Build skills \* Use the difficult times to grow

For more information, contact: Life, Marriage & Family Office - Diocese of Parramatta  
51 – 59 Allawah Street, Blacktown Phone: 02 8838 3461 or [www.parracatholic.org/lmf](http://www.parracatholic.org/lmf)