

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

SOLO PARENT SERVICES SEMINAR: 7 MAY

Solo Parent Services, part of CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, is holding a seminar on "Annulments in the Catholic Church" at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on 7 May from 7pm to 9pm. Registrations are essential – contact Rita on 02 8843 2575 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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.

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN: 11 MAY

Sr Mary-Louise Walsh presents a Reflection Day for Women on Mary – Mother and Educator at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa, on 11 May from 9.30am to 3pm. \$25 entry, BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. To register or for more information, email info@schoenstatt.org.au or call 02 4773 8338

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 or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: 12 MAY

Today is the World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday which is being celebrated in Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Catholic Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly vocation and would benefit from your prayers. To learn more about priestly vocations, the priesthood and seminary life in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations

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.

ST PHILOMENA MASS AND DEVOTIONS: 25 MAY

Mass and Devotions for St Philomena will be held on Saturday 25 May at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at 12Midday. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples – 0423 154 463 or eeoples9@gmail.com

CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to 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 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 5th May, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter Year C



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised. In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinness
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Claudine Nallétamby
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
Youth Coordinator: Adam Chioatto
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School Principal: Tony Hughes

School Phone: 8846 2700

School Web Site:

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 - Next meeting 17th May

Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Next meeting: This Thursday 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

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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: David Parker, Martin Felice, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick, Delphine Ferreira, Jan & Stan Burgin

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angela (Rita) Chioatto (Grandmother of Adam Chioatto), Louise Elliot, Victoriana Castaneda, Robert Thorncraft, Lorraine Woods, Maree Elchaar, Souad Saliba, Kazimiera Adamski, Christopher Boyd, Jackie Larter.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vincent Boulus, William Lum, Catherine Young, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Ron Campbell, Peter F Murphy, Olga Gialanze, George Healy, Ben Richards.

DECEASED:

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

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

Next Week's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Rv 7:9, 14-17, Jn 10:27-30

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

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 Beaini - 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

11th / 12th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Peter Hrast	Robert Haddad Kerry Saad	Volunteer Required Please	Diane Campbell Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8am	John Murphy John Colman	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Ilana Blazevic Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Stephen Doyle Jamie Hoban	Volunteer Required Please	Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov Dianne Vogt Volunteer Req'd Pls	Dominic Wong

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook (Coordinator) Paula Mitchell - Pre-school, Caroline Elchaar - Yrs 2-3, Terri Hirschhorn - Yrs 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Aubon Fernando, Christine Kinsella, Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 6: Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: CTK School Mums Group, Julie Bechara

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Good Neighbours will begin again this Thursday May 9th: 10am - 1pm. Come, bring a friend, meet old friends, make new friends. Enjoy Tai Chi, play Bingo or just have a chat. Mark the following dates in your diary for the 2nd term meetings: Thursday May 9th and 24th, June 6th and 20th and July 4th 2019



**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.

*Dear Christ the King parishioners,
I just wanted to send a very sincere thank you for your very generous donation towards our Lenten Appeal to support our foodbank service. Hundreds of individuals and families rely on our foodbank for basic pantry items and fresh produce to make ends meet each week, so your support is very much needed, and we are extremely thankful. Thanks again.
Warm Regards, Kim Smith - Caseworker Jesuit Refugee Service*



**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR
TRAINEE DEACON JOHN COLLINS**

Happy birthday to Deacon John who is celebrating his 63rd birthday today.



CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM

'Seeking truth and renewal through conversation'
Dr Anna Rowlands

Saturday 25th May - ACU Campus Strathfield
10am - 3:30pm

1st Session: "Simone Weil, Hannah Arendt and Gillian Rose – Prophets for Our Crisis-Ridden 21st Century"

2nd Session: "The Other – A Realistic Understanding of Catholic Social Teaching"

For more information: email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au or Ph: 9990 7003 or logon to [www.http://catalystforrenewal.org.au/events/catalyst-for-renewal-forum-dr-anna-rowlands/](http://catalystforrenewal.org.au/events/catalyst-for-renewal-forum-dr-anna-rowlands/)



OPAL CARD FOUND

An Opal Card was found in front of the church after the 10am Mass last Sunday. If anyone is missing their Opal Card, it can be collected at the parish office, during business hours Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm.



SOLO PARENTS SERVICES SEMINAR

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains' Solo Parent Services and the Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office are holding a seminar on 'Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church.' This seminar will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2019: 7pm to 9pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church.

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to ask as many questions. The seminar is free, but donations are welcomed. Registration is essential. To register, please contact Rita, Solo Parent Services on 8843 2575 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

