

BISHOP VINCENT'S FEDERAL ELECTION PASTORAL STATEMENT

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral statement on the 2019 Australian federal election that will be held on Saturday 18 May. The pastoral statement can be found at parracatholic.org/election2019

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS: 12 MAY

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

SRI LANKAN MEMORIAL MASS: 19 MAY

The Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate a Month's Mind Requiem Mass to pray for all who were killed in the recent Sri Lankan terrorist attacks targeting Catholic Churches and hotels. This Mass will be celebrated at St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith on Sunday 19 May at 10am.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: 19 MAY

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia. Presentations, Introduction to Meditation for newcomers and Meditation for on-going meditators. After the lunch break for BYO picnic lunch we will have Mass. This is a free event and accommodation may be available at the monastery guest house. For enquires please contact Ann Bergman on anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or 9653 2637.

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 epeoples9@gmail.com

THE MARRIAGE PROJECT SEMINAR: 25 MAY

Engaged & newly married couples are invited to The Marriage Project's next event on 25 May - Building a Marriage to Last a Lifetime - presented by Mike & Alicia Herson, from the Messy Family Project. They offer down to earth, practical insights into marriage and family life. Come along and meet other young couples and hear from these well renowned international speakers! Details at www.themarriageproject.com.au

PALMS INFORMATION SESSION: 26 MAY

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers for 1 to 2 years to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. If you have teaching, medical, business, administration or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Sunday May 26 from 10:30am at Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks or www.palms.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 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 12th May, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The first reading depicts the animosity that arose between the apostles and certain segments within the Jewish community, an animosity that precipitated the radical change in Paul's ministry from the Jewish community to the Gentiles. It is important to interpret this passage carefully, lest we allow it to nurture any anti-Judaic sentiments that are more in the minds and hearts of the readers than in the biblical passage itself. There is an unusual paradox in this account. Paul and Barnabas seem to fail in their preaching to the Jews of the diaspora precisely because they had been so successful elsewhere. Their success engendered envy in the hearts of some, who then questioned the content of their preaching. The responsorial psalm comes from a hymn of praise that calls Israel to worship God. The psalm uses two major characterisations of God: creator and shepherd. The first image highlights the sovereignty of God over all; the second depicts God's tender provident care for those who follow. The response concludes with a description of God that consists of attributes associated with the covenant: goodness, lovingkindness and faithfulness. It is only right that we praise a God who is characterised as creator and shepherd and described as good, kind and faithful. This scene in the second reading calls to mind the promise God made to Abraham, that he would be the father of a multitude too numerous to count, like the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore (cf. Gen 22:17). The multitude in John's vision is international in character, fulfilling another promise made to Abraham, that he would be the father of a host of nations (cf. Gen 17:4). To be washed in the blood of the Lamb is a reference to Christ's redemptive sacrifice, the blood of which atoned for the sins of all. It might also mean that the people who stand around the throne have paid the ultimate price for their commitment to Christ, shedding their blood as he shed his. The characterisation of Jesus as the Good Shepherd points to the relationship Jesus has with those who follow him, as well as the relationship he has with God. The image of Jesus as shepherd implies intimate knowledge on the part of both Jesus and his followers and unquestioning trust on the part of the followers. Jesus promises that he will give eternal life to his sheep, and that he will not allow anyone to take them away from him. He can promise eternal life, because he has power over death. Jesus consistently calls God Father, the Trinitarian designation that signifies distinction in divine union. It is clear that all that Jesus says and does is the actual embodiment of God's will and not just behaviour that is in conformity with it. The shepherd who cares for the sheep is indeed one with God. © 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

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 this Friday 17th May**

Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - Next meeting: 23rd 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:

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Parish Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/>

ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on next Sat 18 May 2019 at 9am Mass.

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK: Frances McKiernan, David Parker, Martin Felice, Affi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh, Doreen Ulbrick.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Josephine Nakhoul, Jean Vanier (Founder of L'Archer Movement) Ivan Gavranovic (Brother of Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic), Monica De Mello, Fr John Pearce CP, Angela (Rita) Chioatto, Louise Elliot, Victoriana Castaneda, Robert Thorncraft, Lorraine Woods.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vincent Boulus, William Lum, Catherine Young, Giuse Nguyen Van Nu, Ron Campbell.

DECEASED:

Betty Dwyer, Tony, Soraya and Morrie Khalife, Yvonne and Phillip Boulous and All Souls.

This Week's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Rv 7:9, 14-17, Jn 10:27-30
Next Week's Readings: Acts 14:21-27, Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1, Rv 21:1-5, Jn 13:34, Jn 13:31-35
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

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	Therese & Tony Davies

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

18th / 19th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty John Khoudair	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	John Murphy John Colman	Peter Bosci	Jason Scanlon Volunteer Required Please	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Jamie Hoban	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Lisa Hoban Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, Mary Cook - Pre-school, Sarah Garland - Yr 2-3, Ilana Blazevic - Yr 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP 7: Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

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

Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother's Day
SUNDAY MAY 12TH 2019



To our Mothers, we wish you all a Happy Mother's day and thank you for loving us, for meeting our childhood needs and for reminding us of what our greatest needs really are.

PLANNED GIVING 2019 / 2020

Our planned giving envelope system is now due for renewal for 2019/2020. We are requesting our parishioners to confirm whether or not they would like to continue using the envelopes for the next twelve months. Please email the parish office: northrocks@parracatholic.org or Ph: 9871.8710, should you wish to discontinue using these envelopes, you have changed your mailing address or would like to contribute via credit card or direct debit as an alternative.

We thank all of our parishioners for your continued support in our parish of Christ the King.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Saturday 18th May - 9am

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on this Saturday 18 May 2019 at the 9am Mass.

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.



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.catalystforrenewal.org.au/events/catalyst-for-renewal-forum-dr-anna-rowlands/

BISHOP VINCENT'S LENTEN APPEAL

Thank You for Bringing Hope and Sharing Christ's Message with All

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and the Ephpheta Centre thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support. The Bishop's Lenten Appeal raised over \$268,000. Your remarkable gifts will provide pastoral, sacramental and social support, enabling the deaf and hard of hearing, the vulnerable and isolated, to make meaningful connections and participate fully in their community, their faith and Catholic Church life.

