

## 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](http://parracatholic.org/election2019)

## 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](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

## CYP AT THE WELL – AN EVENING WITH YOUNG WOMEN: 24 MAY

Catholic Youth Parramatta are excited to host another At The Well event, bringing young women together from across the Diocese for an evening of conversation on topics burning in the hearts of young women today. Friday June 24 from 7pm to 10pm. Event location TBA. Registration is free, but essential via <https://parracatholic.org/the-well/>

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](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.

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# Sunday 19th May, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

A map of the ancient world will show the ambitious scope of the daring apostolic venture of Paul and Barnabas. The success of their preaching is evident, though not without difficulty. There is a subtle reference to the suffering that they had to endure (v.22). Such hardship was considered the 'birth pangs' of the Messiah, the inevitable suffering that occurs when one passes from 'this age' to the 'age of fulfilment'. The apostles were not independent missionaries. They had been sent forth by the church in Antioch, and it was to that same church that they returned and to which they reported what had been accomplished by God through them.

The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise of the greatness of God. It contains an acclamation that is closely associated with the revelation of God and the acknowledgment of God's name revealed at the time of the re-establishment of the covenant (cf. Exod 34:6). Here the covenant has been expanded to a universal embrace. In this light, the covenanted faithful ones are called, not only to praise God for the wonders that God has accomplished in and for them, but also to announce the glory of God's rule to the entire human race, to all the children of Adam.

In the second reading, several images are used to characterise the new reality that will be brought forth in the age of fulfilment. John speaks of a new heaven and new earth. The disappearance of the sea signifies the end of chaos' threat and the beginning of something new. The new Jerusalem will be for the people of the new age what the former Jerusalem was for the people of the past, namely, the dwelling place of God. The old order has passed away, along with death and tears. The reading ends in a summary note: All things are made new.

The departure of Judas sets into motion the machinery of Jesus' arrest, trial and execution. There is no going back now. The die is cast; the events of salvation are about to begin. The hour of eschatological fulfilment has come. While it looks like only suffering and death are on the horizon, this is in fact the moment of glorification. Lifted up in ignominy, Jesus will really be lifted up in glory, for surrender, death, resurrection and exaltation are really all one event. Jesus' willingness to suffer also glorifies God, for it reveals the extent of Jesus' love for God and God's love for humankind. Jesus addresses the remaining eleven apostles with the affectionate address of a teacher to students, 'my children'. It is followed by the commandment to love one another. This kind of love will be the universal sign of discipleship of Jesus. It will establish a new kind of order. The disciples are to love one another as Jesus has loved them.

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## 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 McGinness  
**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 - Next meeting Friday 31st May

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

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

**Phone:** 9871 8710

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

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on next Sat 17 Aug 2019 at 9am Mass.

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

**THE SICK:** Valma Costello, Frances McKiernan, David Parker, Martin Felice, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Deacon Jim Caulfield, Rosario Decena-Chua, Josephine Nakhoul, Jean Vanier, Ivan Gavranovic, Monica De Mello, Fr John Pearce CP, Angela (Rita) Chioatto, Louise Elliot, Victoriana Castaneda.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Janet Roche, Bertie Roche, Jenn-Shih Peter Lee, Vincent Boulous, William Lum.

## DECEASED:

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

This 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

Next Week's Readings: Acts: 15:1-2. 22-29, Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

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

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 <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner 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

25th / 26th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Ken Boys George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Robert Haddad Georgette Rissmiller	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Rosemary Wickham <b>Volunteers Required Please</b>	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	David Collins	Gabby Scanlon Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Christine Kinsella Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Adam Chioatto Gerard Sadaya	Jamie Hoban	Ilana Blazevic Jenny Roddy Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook - Coordinator, Mary Cook - Pre-school, Aileen Beaini - Yr 2-3, Terri Hirschhorn - Yr 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: David Collins, Ken Coorey, Jose Jilesh, John Lacey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

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

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VICTORY THROUGH FAITH

CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL - YEAR 6

We welcome families from Christ the King school Year 6 who join us at the 10am Mass this weekend.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Jayakody family, Sumudu and Hasitha with their daughter Shania. We also welcome the Heng family, Christina and Aik-Tim and their daughter Claire. We also welcome the Smeets family, Elysse and Grant and their daughter Charlotte. May Shania, Claire and Charlotte's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless them in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday / Sunday 22nd & 23rd June



Children will be prepared to receive their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi at all parish Masses on 2nd & 3rd June. These children are being initiated into our community and it is important that they do so in our Sunday Eucharist. Parishioners will be invited to pray for the candidates and their families during this preparation time. **A meeting for the facilitators of the program will be held this Wednesday 22nd May in the CTK Primary library commencing at 6:30pm prior to the first session for all children and parents which will commence at 7:30pm in MacKillop Hall.**

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](mailto: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.



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](mailto: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/](http://www.catalystforrenewal.org.au/events/catalyst-for-renewal-forum-dr-anna-rowlands/)



REGIONAL CATECHISTS MASS

On Tuesday, 28 May at 7:30 PM Christ the King Parish, North Rocks will host the regional Mass for Catholic special religious education teachers in our state schools.

All are welcome to this celebration and acknowledgement of our hard-working catechists.

