

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The text of Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day, which is released each year on the feast of St Francis de Sales, patron saint of journalists is titled "We are members one of another (Eph 4,25). From social network communities to the human community", can be found here:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco\\_20190124\\_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20190124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html)

## POSITIONS VACANT WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Liturgy Administrative Support Assistant: Office for Worship

Fundraising Campaigns Executive: The Catholic Foundation

Parish Coordinator of Ministries (Part-Time): Parish of Richmond

For more details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 6 JUNE

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 St Joseph Convent, Quakers Hill, on Thursday 6 June at 7pm. Dinner will be served afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula – [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.

## EMMAUS PRAYER COMMUNITY PENTECOST CELEBRATION: 9 JUNE

The Emmaus Prayer Community invites you to the yearly Pentecost Sunday celebration at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Joyful praise will begin at 11.30, with Fr Tony Alex MGL concelebrating Mass at Middy. A BBQ lunch will be provided, and Fr Tony will give a talk in the afternoon. For enquiries, contact Barbara Stenning on 0413 055 511 or [mandbstenning@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mandbstenning@optusnet.com.au)

## FEAST OF ST ANTHONY TRIDUUM: 11 - 13 JUNE

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is hosting a Triduum in honour of St Anthony of Padua between June 11 and 13. There will be Mass, Novena and Fellowship from 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be Mass and all-day veneration from 9.30am and Mass, Novena and a procession with the Relic of St Anthony from 7pm. For enquiries, contact the parish office on 9631 3316.

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: 4 - 7 JULY

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. 4-7 July. 02 4236 0533 or [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.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 to 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 2nd June, 2019 The Ascension of the Lord Year C



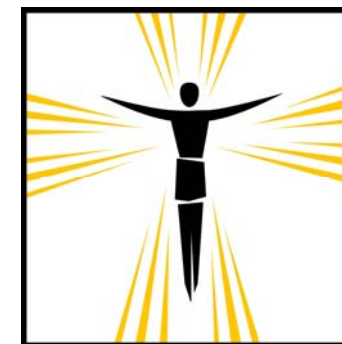
## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. © 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 each Fridays:** 10 - 11.30am - *during School Terms only*

**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - Next meeting Thursday 6th June

## 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/>

## ANOIDING 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:

Tani Isaia (Memorial Service at CTK Church Mon 3.6.2019 10am), John Mitchell (Father of Anthea Bozanic), Michelle Abad, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Rosario Decena-Chua, Josephine Nakhoul, Jean Vanier, Ivan Gavranovic, Monica De Mello, Fr John Pearce CP.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Slobadan Bozanic, Simon Nasa, Janet Roche, Bertie Roche, Jenn-Shih Peter Lee.

## DECEASED:

Neil O'Hara, Betty Dwyer, Tony, Soraya and Morrie Khalife, Yvonne Boulous, Phillip Boulous & All Souls.

**This Week's Readings:** Acts 1:1-11, Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23, Lk 24:46-53  
**Next Week's Readings:** Acts 2:1-11, Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34, R. v.30, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, Rom 8:8-17, Jn 14:15-16, 23-26  
**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website:** [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**1st / 2nd June - Ascension of the Lord**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Inge Wienker Dawn Peat	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell John Lacey Nesli Nuguid <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Christine Kinsella <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ilana Blazevic Carmelita Khoo Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron	Pauline Zhao
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Graeme Gardiner Michael Ng	Jose Jilesh	Ian McMaster Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Gerianne Sadaya Dianne Vogt	Darren So Wea Yeung

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, Sarah Garland - Pre-school, Caroline Elchaar - Yr 2-3, Paula Mitchell - Yr 4-6

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Aubon Fernando, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

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

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

**8th / 9th June - Pentecost Sunday**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Sam Bietola Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Rob Haddad Sue Veling	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Diane Campbell Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Dorothea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Cecilie McCarron Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Graeme Gardner Michael Nasr	Ken Coorey	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Jennifer Alphonse Lisa Hoban Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Dominic Wong

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Christine Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

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

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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - Next Sunday 9th June**

Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As a sign of the diverse and multicultural nature of our community we would like to have the prayers of the faithful at the 10am Mass proclaimed in different languages. If you would like to read one of these intercessions in your native tongue (other than English) please contact the parish office early this week and a copy in English will be made available for you to translate and proclaim at the 10am Mass next weekend.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK - Parish Pastoral Council Executive & Parish Finance Committee**

This Tuesday 4th June at 8pm the Parish Pastoral Council executive will meet in the presbytery.  
 This Thursday 6th June at 7:30pm the Parish Finance Committee will meet in the presbytery.



PARRAMATTA  
**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

**BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERDS APPEAL**

**This Weekend 1st and 2nd June**

When God calls, will you help them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Wednesday, 4th September, commencing at 7.30pm. In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy we will conduct a parish-based, family centered, school supported method of preparation for the children to receive this sacrament. A prerequisite of children being confirmed is that they have already received First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised in Eastern Rite (Uniate Churches, e.g. Maronite, Melchite, Ukrainian, Chaldean etc.) may have already been confirmed at Baptism and do not need to participate in this programme if this is the case. Children in Grade Five and above are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The program for preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians **next Wednesday 12th June commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church**, where the program will be explained and any questions answered. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is vital that parents/guardians attend this meeting.



**SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Legal system, which can benefit those experiencing a marital breakdown. Topics addressed: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates. Date: This Tuesday 4th June. Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. Cost: \$10 Registration Essential via phone: Ph. 8843 2530 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT**

**FR ROB GALEA**

**Tuesday 11th June 2019 – 7.30pm**

Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill - Tickets \$20

All funds raised will go towards the renovation project at Mary Immaculate Church. For tickets contact the parish office 9626 3326 or Ged 0477 151 279 or our website [www.maryimmac.org.au](http://www.maryimmac.org.au)



**THE JEWISH JESUS IN OUR EUCHARIST**

**Wednesday 12 June 7pm - 9pm**

**St Michael's Primary School Hall, Baulkham Hills**

An adult formation opportunity presented by The Institute for Mission. This presentation takes an interesting look through the lens of our Jewish ancestors to help imagine the mindset of Jesus in some key moments of his life. It aims to enhance our appreciation of what we celebrate today as the Eucharist and true presence of Jesus.

Contact Wendy Goonan to RSVP or further information Ph: 0427 863 149 or via email: [deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)