



Sunday 16th May, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
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www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au

Baptisms: Each 2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:15am

Weddings: By Appointment

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **Suspended until further notice**

Rosary: **Suspended until further notice**

Children's Liturgy: **Suspended until further notice**

Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall
every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Suspended until further notice**

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

ONLINE REGISTRATION before Saturday 3:30pm

<https://northrockscatholicparish.eventbrite.com.au/>

5.30pm Saturday

8am Sunday

10am Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:30pm

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 9am

Parish Address:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

Phone: 9871 8710

Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

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

ANointing of the Sick:

The next conferral to be confirmed.

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

THE SICK: Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Ace Sortisas, Oliver Ofiana, Jui-May Lee, Tony Basha, Tina Coorey, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Janet Sullivan, Abraham Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jan Chamberlain, Joan Flood, Kate Glendenning.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bertie Roche, Janet Roche,

DECEASED: Guiseppina Elizabeth Cutrone, Carmelina Cutrone, Beniamino Cutrone, Jimmy Cutrone, George Cutrone Jr, Rodney Jayatilaka, Rito Jayatilaka, Angelina Hipolito, Colin Brown & All Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bargent CSA

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 in our journey, 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 itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They 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 both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

PENTECOST - Sunday 23rd May

Next weekend we celebrate the end of the Easter season with the feast that celebrates the empowerment of the Holy Spirit on the early Church to continue Christ's ministry of service and love. The Parish Pastoral Council decided that next Sunday would be an appropriate day to appeal for parishioner's assistance in taking up some of the necessary and valuable ministries in our parish community, somewhat diminished due to the Covid virus. You will be invited to seriously consider, through the promptings of the Holy Spirit, taking up some of these valuable and necessary ministries of service in our community.

Next weekend we will also commission Jason Scanlon and Lorraine Murphy as parish representatives on the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council which comprises representatives from the eight parishes that make up our Northern deanery (i.e. North Rocks, Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Winston Hills, Rouse Hill, Kellyville, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens and Kenthurst)

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 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mk 16:15-20
Next Week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23

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

TO OUR MINISTERS OF THE PARISH

Should you be rostered and feel you are not ready to return to Mass, please email the parish office: northrocks@parracatholic.org or ph 9871 8710 or indicate on the roster through Ministry Scheduling, that a volunteer is required. A replacement can then be organised on your behalf.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in these important ministries.

15th / 16th May - Ascension of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Minister Required Please	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Volunteers Required Please	Peter Bosci	John DeCourcy Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Chris Kinsella	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	Leila Safy	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: *Suspended until further notice*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Peter Bosci, Chris Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

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

22nd / 23rd May - Pentecost

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Volunteer Required Please	Margaret Coakley	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: *Suspended until further notice*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemarie Maroon, Paul Cook, Helena Roumanos



CHRIST THE KING PARISH MASSES

eventbrite

- Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil
- Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Do I need to make a reservation for weekend Mass? Yes ✓

The maximum number of people allowed inside a place of worship is still

240 persons per Mass.

It is still a NSW government requirement to register all attendees to assist in contact tracing should it be required.

The Eventbrite website is now to open to register for Mass attendance in MAY 2021.

Be sure to reserve your place.

<https://northrockscatholicparish.eventbrite.com.au>

COVID-19 GUIDELINES: THURSDAY 6TH MAY - MONDAY 17TH MAY 2021

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for indoor venues, including places of worship to 12am Monday 17 May 2021.

FACE MASKS: Face masks are mandatory at all indoor venues, including places of worship.

SINGING: There should be no singing at any indoor venues, including at a place of worship. There has been no change to the number of people allowed at places of worship and religious services. The maximum number of people will continue to only be limited by the 2 square metre rule.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

This weekend we continue the celebrations of First Eucharist for our children. They will be making their first Holy Communion at one of the 3 parish Masses. It is important that the parish is part of this celebration and a reminder to us all that they are being initiated into the ongoing sacramental life of the parish at Sunday Mass, not a once in a lifetime event. It is an occasion for the parish community to minister to them in our parish liturgy. It is a time for the whole assembly to welcome these children to the table of the Lord. The children will sit in the first 3-5 rows of pews (with their immediate families) in the middle 2 blocks of Christ the King Church. These pews will be reserved for them. Communion will be initially distributed to the first Communicants and families down the centre aisle. Special Ministers of Holy Communion will distribute Communion to other family members and parishioners at the side aisles. Your cooperation is appreciated to joyfully celebrate with these children. We congratulate the following children and welcome their families and friends joining our parish community:

Zachary Baissary, Andrew Graham, Daniel Graham, Aidan Halvey, Athanasia Kitson, Olivia Kruletic, Brandon Lualula, Joseph Nouh, Jessica O'Harae, Anabelle Parrin, Isaac Rheinberger, Sarah Taylor Severich, Ash Thomas, Abigail Virgona, Samuel Wehbe & Luke Zeater.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL MASS COUNT

This weekend we have the third week of the census, counting Mass goers in every worship centre across Australia. This week will be a little different because we are requested to note the number of males and females attending as well as the total count. Next weekend, the final weekend of counting, requires us to note the age bracket of those attending. (There are five age groups: 0-17 years, 18-29 years, 30-49 years, 50-69 years and 70 years and over). These statistics will assist the church in evaluating our Mass going community and the distribution of resources into the future.

LEADERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have had a number of wonderful Children's Liturgy volunteers whose circumstances have changed and are now "going on leave" from Children's Liturgy. **We thank them very much for their generous contributions over many years.** So this is an urgent request for new leaders / teachers of Children's Liturgy. We would like to recommence Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. We are in desperate need of parishioners who could lead a small group of primary school-aged children. All volunteers will be supported by resources and by experienced leaders of Children's Liturgy. You do not need teaching experience nor any theological background but will require a Working With Children Check. Lesson plans, Scripture readings, discussion questions and worksheets are all provided. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Erica Rheinberger via email: rheinberger.eric@gmail.com

PARISH / SCHOOL CARPARK

Can we please request for all those parking in the church carpark, to refrain from parking their vehicles in front of the large dumpsters. These bins are emptied at varying times of the week (day and night) and if obstructed, they will not be emptied. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH GROUP "SQUIRES & KNIGHTS"

Come along to find out more about different topics and what our challenges are. Join in this Friday evening in Mary MacKillop Hall commencing at 6.45pm. For all youth news & upcoming events, check out Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth. For more information, contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or

ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

'THE WELL' OFFERS NEW REFRESHMENT IN 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact House of Welcome on office@houseofwelcome.com.au or 9727 9290 or JRS on foodbank@jrs.org.au or 9098 9336.

SATURDAY SESSIONS - 15TH MAY & 17TH MAY

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, each week with Saturday Sessions.

Where do the Children Go? Connecting Parishes and Schools - Colin McLeod

Register in advance to receive the video link. Watch the video and then join in the conversation by joining in one of the conversation sessions:

* Saturday 15th May, 9.15am – Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SS15052021>

* Monday 17th May, 7.15pm – Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SS17052021>

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

TAP TO GIVE

Our Parish now has a Tap to Give device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

Our Tap to Give device, located in the Church Foyer, enables us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Our Tap to Give device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10.

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. -

Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the parish, can access the facility on the front page of the Parish website by clicking "Donate Now" on the top right-hand side of the page or donating directly to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks> via Credit Card. Should you wish to make a donation via direct debit, please use the following details:

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000479

Account Name: North Rocks Catholic Church

FIRST COLLECTION:

If you would like to contribute towards the support of the priests, please use the following details:

BSB 067-950

Account No. 00004265

Account Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

Reference Number: 6027

Thank you to everyone in the continual support of the parish and the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta.

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**

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.