

Parish Team

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Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The primary role of the Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is the distribution of Holy Communion to parishioners and others who are ill or unable to attend Mass. This role is the essential part of our mission. We may be the only contact, with the exception of the Priests, that these people have with the Parish.

An acolyte, who is an ordained Minister of the Church, also assists at the Altar during Mass and on occasions may be called upon to conduct Holy Communion services when Priests not are available. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist at Mass with the distribution of communion.

Acolytes and Ministers are selected by the Parish Priest and are required to undertake study in the protocols and procedures for the performance of their duties.

Contact: Ken Coorey; ken.coorey@hotmail.com

Altar Servers

Boys and girls from the Parish who have received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation may join training groups to serve on the altar during the week and at weekends. Parental approval must be obtained before training can start.

Contact: Phil Trainor; trainorp@tpg.com.au

Altar Society

The Altar Society comprises a group of dedicated Parish ladies who prepare the Altar for Sunday Mass. They prepare the beautiful flower arrangements for the Altar every week and they clean and replace the Altar cloths. They have a roster of groups, each with two or three ladies who volunteer their time and talent, usually on Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings each week. We welcome anyone who would like to join our group any time.

Contact: Barbara Haddad; robhad@optusnet.com.au

Piety Store

The Piety store is rostered open after the Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 8am & 10.00 am Masses. It sells a large range of religious and spiritual items. It also houses a free lending library of books, videos, and cassettes for borrowing by parishioners. Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer 30 minutes of their time for this valuable resource.

Contact: Wendy Lenehan; lennie3@ozemail.com.au

Care Group

The Care Group offers assistance to members of the Parish in times of emergency or special need.

Contact: Maureen Alexander; maureenalex@yahoo.com.au

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is conducted every Sunday during the school term at 10am Mass. The aim is to relate the gospel message at a level suitable to the children's age group and understanding. After a brief introduction by the Priest at the commencement of Mass, the children are taken to the parish hall where they are divided into three groups for their lesson: Preschool to Year 1; Years 2 and 3 and Years 4 and 5. Children return to the church before the Procession of the Gifts.

Contact: Terri Hirschhorn ; mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au

Baptismal Team

The Baptismal Team helps families prepare for the Baptism of their child. Baptismal Preparation meetings are held on one Wednesday evening each month and Baptisms are usually scheduled 11.15am on the second and fourth Sunday of the Month. A welcoming ceremony is held for each family in the week prior to the Baptism during Sunday Mass.

Contact: Rachel Elliott; relliott@gmail.com

Church Cleaning Team

The Cleaning Team consists of a number of groups which are rostered to clean the church each week. They perform a variety of tasks from vacuuming to keeping all areas of the church and front paved area clean and tidy. It is a commitment of about two and a half hours on a rotating roster each 6 weeks. They are a wonderful group of dedicated parishioners, whose friendly and pleasant attitude is a great expression of our living faith.

Contact: Brian Euhus: beuhus@optusnet.com.au

Family Groups

The Passionist Family Group Movement has been operating in the Parish in for a number of years. Groups of 10-12 families gather once a month to enjoy a social occasion and gradually develop supportive relationships with one another.

Contacts: Tyrell & Robyn Selvan; robynselvan@yahoo.com

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is convened by the Parish Priest to provide advice on Parish financial matters.

Contact: Fr. Ian McGinnity

Good Neighbours Group

The Good Neighbours Group provides senior citizens of all nationalities an opportunity to share their lives one morning per fortnight. This is an active support and social group, mainly for seniors, but we also welcome younger participants who would like to join either as members or helpers. Activities include a fitness exercise program, including Tai Chi, as well as other social activities. Morning tea and a light lunch are provided.

Contact: Ada Cheung; through the parish office

Hospitality

The Hospitality Group provides a cuppa and biscuits on Sunday after the 8am and 10am Mass. It is a great vehicle for community building – providing an opportunity for people to stay around and chat after Mass. All are welcome, to serve and be served.

Contact: Sarah Cook; scook@parra.catholic.edu.au

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee consists of parishioners who are involved in making arrangements for the conduct of Parish liturgical activities. The function of the Committee is to coordinate these activities.

Terri Hirschhorn ; mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au

Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter is a group that provides married couples with an opportunity to experience current Church thinking on the sacrament of marriage. It is a program for married couples and religious.

Contacts: Janet & Adrian Sullivan; adrian.janet@bigpond.com

Ministers of the Word

The Parish Readers consist of a group of parishioners rostered to proclaim the Word of God at Sunday Mass and on special occasions such as Easter and Christmas. If you are interested in becoming a reader, please discuss this initially with Father McGinnity.

Scheduling Contact: George Germanos;georgegermanos@hotmail.com

Parish Newsletter

The parish newsletter is published weekly and is available at all weekend Masses. The newsletter is also available on the Parish website:

www.northrocks@parracatholic.org

Contact: Nadine Lucas at the parish office

Music Choir & Organists

This group was formed to enhance the liturgy during the celebration of Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and other special occasions. If you feel you would like to participate, call Darren So or Michael Yates

Contact: Darren So; soeid@hotmail.com
Michael Yates; mike.y@iinet.net.au

Planned Giving

The Parish conducts a planned giving program to raise the funds necessary to establish and maintain the Parish facilities. Parishioners are welcome to either contact the Parish office or make their donation on the website

Contact: Nadine Lucas at the parish office

Playgroup

The Playgroup is an informal gathering of parents and their pre-school children who meet from 9.00 -11.00am each Friday during school term.

Contact: Maria Mulder at the Parish office

RCIA

A program culminating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is conducted in the Parish each year, commencing in August and concluding at the Easter Vigil.

Contact: Father Ian McGinnity at the parish office

Sacramental Program

A program for initiation into the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation is conducted each year for all Catholic children within the parish either attending the parish school or other schools within the area.

This is a Parish-based family-centred program whereby parents prepare their children for the three sacraments of initiation. The children and their parents meet in small groups each week, facilitated by a group leader. These small community groups reinforce the concepts completed by parents and their children during the week.

This is a community-based program supported by our Catholic school and surrounding schools. You are welcome to join this Parish team.

*Contact: **Diane Campbell ; ian.12@bigpond.com***

Counters

These parishioners on a rotating (6 week) roster count the collections and prepare the funds for banking

*Contact: **John Hunt through the parish office***

Special Religious Educators

Special Religious Educators (SREs) provide religious education and pastoral care to Catholic students attending government schools in our Parish. We currently service Carlingford West Primary School; North Rocks Primary School. Class helpers assist with larger classes. SREs have the opportunity to attend accredited training courses provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and are commissioned by Father McGinnity to teach the approved syllabus within our schools.

*Contact: **Terri Hirschhorn ; mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au***

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society Conference consists of a group of parishioners, who by invitation or by reference from a concerned friend, visit people in any kind of need in their homes. Without discrimination on any grounds they seek to render assistance in the form of food vouchers, clothing, essential furniture, household needs and utility vouchers. They are also privileged to provide Mass transport to those who might otherwise be unable to attend Mass due to immobility. Meetings are held each Tuesday night at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

Contact: St Vincent de Paul group; through the parish office

Special Assistance Fund

The Special Assistance Fund is a planned giving program, the proceeds of which are directed to local and overseas aid. Donations can be made through the office or on the website.

Contact: John Hunt; through the parish office

Wardens & Welcomers

The wardens and welcomer's welcome the parishioners and provide general assistance at Masses at weekends and other important celebrations, and take up the collections. If you would like to join this team, you would be very welcome.

Contact: Chris Brown; cwjbrown53@optusnet.com.au
Scheduling: George Germanos; georgegermanos@hotmail.com

CTK Youth Group

Christ the King Youth Group meets twice each month. The group is aimed at 14-25 year olds, more or less. We gather on the first and third Sunday of each month at the 5.45pm and participate in the 6pm Mass for a Youth Mass to help with readings, PowerPoint, reflections and general sharing in the liturgy. After the Mass, there is a social/spiritual meeting from 7pm - 8.30pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. We have a time for group activities, practising singing, talking about our faith. All youth are welcome.

Contact: Brad Vergano; bradvergano@gmail.com

Computer Operators

These parishioners operate the laptop based projector during mass and other important occasions. All are welcome to participate in this very important function. If you have some knowledge of PowerPoint please consider joining this group

Contact: Darren So; soeid@hotmail.com