

POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Coordinator of Ministries (part-time)

Volunteers

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Parish of Richmond

- CatholicCare Mamre Creche

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CHIME IN FOR THE BELLS OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal offers a rare opportunity to create history and donate a bell that commemorates a loved one, or honours your family name, organisation or community group. As a Benefactor, you'll also have the privilege of naming your bell in honour of a revered Catholic Saint and helping make the dream of a peal of bells for St Patrick's Cathedral become a reality. For further information, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal

EARTHKIN ECOLOGY TALK – 19 OCTOBER

Earthkin, a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta, is hosting an ecology discussion at Catherine McAuley Place, 6 Victoria Rd, Parramatta, on 19 October from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The theme of the morning is Dirt – the skin of the Earth – and how we can be responsive to it and care for it. For more information and to RSVP, please contact valdarsm@gmail.com or sue.martin@parracatholic.org.

SPRINGWOOD CHURCH CENTENARY: 19 OCTOBER

St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, is celebrating the centenary of the opening of its second church (corner Macquarie and Hawkesbury Roads, Springwood) on Saturday 19 October. If you attended Mass or school at this site, you are warmly invited to wander in for a memory walk between 12noon and 2pm. For more information, please contact the parish office on 02 4754 1052.

BLACKTOWN LEGION OF MARY ROSARY PROCESSION: 26 OCTOBER

The Legion of Mary Blacktown Comitium is celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary with a Rosary Procession on 26 October. The procession will start at Alpha Park, Blacktown at 12.30pm and will process from 1pm to St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Benediction will close the event at 2.30pm.

CYP LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT: 26 OCTOBER

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta, Bishop Vincent and over 1000 other youth and young adults as they celebrate the feast of St John Paul II during LIFTED Live in Forecourt at the St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Saturday 26 October from 7-10pm. There will be live music, food stalls, rides and entertainment. \$5 entry on arrival. For more information, visit <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

ALPHA PROGRAM WEEKEND TRAINING: 8 – 10 NOVEMBER

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training course in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. A sample Alpha evening will be held on Friday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm, before full-day training sessions on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

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 13th October, 2019
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord. Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.
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PARISH HSC PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

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

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 each Fridays: 10 - 11:30am - during School Terms only - **Next meeting - this Friday 18th October**

Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Next meeting Thursday 7th November**

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

6pm 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 of the anointing of the sick will be on Sat 16 November 2019 at 9am Mass.

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

THE SICK: Elisabeth Nietispach, Joe Frare, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rodney Jayatilaka - *Funeral: 16.10.2019 - 10.30am*, Patricia Blanning, Ian McMaster.

ANNIVERSARIES: Marguerite Nour, Ivy Jeffrey, Joan Flanagan, Annabelle Snaith.

DECEASED: YT Hsu, Deanna Hsu, Robert Moussa, Simon Khoury & All Souls.

This Week's Readings: 2 Kgs 5:14-17, 2 Tm 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19 Next Week's Readings: Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2, Lk 18:1-8
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

12th / 13th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Volunteer Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Thea Price
Sunday 8am	John Colman Chris Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Jose Jilesh	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	Jennifer Alphonse Marea Mooney Natasha Todorov Cecilie McCarron	Dominic Wong

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Childrens Liturgy during School Holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Anne-Marie Makin, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP 7: Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP 1: Maria Bietola, Mary Magill, Ellen Vaughan

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

19th / 20th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Cecilie McCarron Nesli Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	David Collins	Julie Elliott Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi Ken Coorey Jim Kinsella Volunteer Required Please	Pauline Chen
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Stephen Doyle Volunteer Required Please	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Jenny Roddy	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger (Coordinator), Mary Cook (Preschool), Aileen Beaini (Yrs 2&3), Sarah Garland (Yrs 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, David Collins, Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Reyna Mendes, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Leo & Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

CHANGE IN MONEY COLLECTION

Please note that a change has occurred for when the collections take place during Mass. The first Collection now occurs after the Homily. The Second Collection occurs after the offertory. Support from our parishioners would be appreciated. Thank you.

**HSC YOUTH MASS
10AM**

We will be celebrating and praying with and for all the students who will be commencing the Higher School Certificate exams this week. In solidarity with these students, we invite you to wear your Year 12 jersey to the 10am Mass.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK - Parish Liturgy Committee Parish & Parish Pastoral Council

This Tuesday 15th October at 8pm the Parish Liturgy Committee will meet in the presbytery.
 This Wednesday 16th October at 7:15pm the Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the CTK Primary staffroom.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

Parents are reminded that the first session for parents and children will take place on **Wednesday 23rd of October** commencing at 7.30pm in Mary MacKillop Hall.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2019

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. Next week you will learn more about Sister Stan and the Nazareth Home for God's Children, which is leading these efforts in the diocese of Yendi. You will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to life-saving projects for children in need – please come prepared to give generously. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or logon to: catholicmission.org.au/Ghana



ALL SOULS DAY MASS

On Saturday 2nd November, All Souls Day will be celebrated at the 9am Mass to commemorate those who have died, particularly those recently deceased and connected to our parish. Please mark this date in your diary and invite those who have experienced recent bereavement to attend. *Please note that the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place.*

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR - ONLY \$10



The Columban Art Calendar is a beautiful, iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2020 marks the 98th edition. Great idea for an early Christmas gift. Calendars available in church foyer. Please complete calendar envelope and place in parish communications box.

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER**

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. A light lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email: lmf@parracatholic.org

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020
THIS THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2019
6:30pm – 9:00pm**



First Session: Missionary and Evangelising

You are invited to attend any or all of the six sessions to gather and discern the Plenary 2020 National Themes for Discernment. Each session held will be focusing on one of the six themes. These sessions are being held at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. RSVP to tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org