

**NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT:** The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

#### POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Coordinator of Ministries (part-time) - Parish of Richmond  
Manager of Family Relationship Services - CatholicCare

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

#### 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](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

#### ST PHILOMENA MASS AND DEVOTIONS: 9 NOVEMBER

Mass and Devotions for St Philomena will be held on Saturday 9 November at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at Midday, with confession from 11.30am. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples on 0423 154 463 or [epeoples9@gmail.com](mailto:epeoples9@gmail.com).

#### OFFICE FOR WORSHIP MUSIC WORKSHOP: 13 NOVEMBER

The Office for Worship is conducting a Music Workshop for musicians and liturgy planners on Wednesday 13 November at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown from 7pm to 9pm. Supper will be provided. Choosing appropriate hymns for Mass and what to sing at Mass and why will be discussed. To register by 8 November, call Anne on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

#### GREYSTANES PARISH CRAFT MARKET: 16 NOVEMBER

OLQP Parish is holding its popular Craft Market event on Saturday 16 November 8am-2pm at Camilleri Hall 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Featuring 40 stalls selling handmade goods. A great day out for the whole family with a raffle, Devonshire tea, face painting and a BBQ serving breakfast and lunch. Proceeds go to Diabetes NSW & ACT.

#### MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE: 19 NOVEMBER

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated at St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. 6:45pm for 7pm start. RSVP 14 November Ph: 02 8843 2575 or [rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)

#### REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN: 23 NOVEMBER

Preparing our hearts for Advent - Reflection Day for Women. Saturday 23 November 9.30am – 3.00 pm. Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register or for more information [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone: 4773 8338.

#### MERCY WORKS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Mercy Connect Sydney is looking for volunteers to mentor refugee students in local primary and high schools for one morning per week. Training provided at the Mercy Connect Parramatta office. For more information contact Paul Taylor on 95641911 or [paul.taylor@mercyworks.org.au](mailto:paul.taylor@mercyworks.org.au).

#### 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.

CHRIST THE KING  
NORTH ROCKS



Sunday 27th October, 2019  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart. © Dianne Bergant CSA

 *Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Mission Partners Program. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at [catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact](http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact). Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/Ghana](http://catholicmission.org.au/Ghana)*

#### 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 - **Next meeting - this Friday 25th October**  
**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Next meeting Thursday 7th November**

#### PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:	Weekday Masses:
6pm Saturday	Tuesday 7:30pm
8am Sunday	Wednesday 9am
10am Sunday	Thursday 9am
	Friday 9:15am
	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/>

#### 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:** Joe Frare, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Deacon Robert Carroll, Elisabeth Nietlispach, Rodney Jayatilaka, Patricia Blanning, Ian McMaster.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Giacomelli, Filippo Rodi  
**DECEASED:** Tessie D'Sylva, Francis Haldar, Peggy Wong, YT Hsu, Deanna Hsu, Simon Khoury & All Souls.

This Week's Readings: Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2, Lk 18:1-8 Next Week's Readings: Wis 11:22 – 12:2, 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2, Lk 19:1-10

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

**26th / 27th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Phil Trainor	Gerard Sadaya <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Thea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Gabby Scanlon Jason Scanlon	Trish Yates	Chris Kinsella Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Ken Coorey	Sam Safy <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Marea Mooney Gerianne Sadaya Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	Julia Hoban

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook (Coordinator), Lynette Kaddis (Preschool), Caroline Elchaar (Yrs 2&3), Terri Hirschhorn (Yrs 4-6)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Aubon Fernando, Jose Jilesh, Chris Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Leni Adan

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** CTK School Mums Group 4, Julie Bechara

**2nd / 3rd November - All Souls Day / 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	David Collins	Carmelita Khoo Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Chen
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Gerianne Sadaya	Darren So Wea Yeung

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook (Coordinator), Mary Cook (Preschool), Paula Mitchell (Yrs 2&3), Sarah Garland (Yrs 4-6)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** David Collins, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 3:** Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1:** Lesley Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

**PIETY GROUP 4:** Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Mark & Carmel Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

**CHANGE IN MASS TIME ?**

It has been mooted at both the Liturgy Committee and Parish Pastoral Council that the numbers attending Saturday evening mass at 6pm are dwindling. Some reasons have been proffered including the reality that some are attending Mass at North Parramatta due to its earlier time of 5pm which allows for people to go out after Mass on Saturday evening. It has been suggested that we move the time of the Saturday vigil to 5:30pm so as not to be in direct competition with North Parramatta but to allow for parishioners who do like to go out on Saturday evening after Mass an earlier option. Whilst it is hard to get a unanimous consensus about this, the Parish Pastoral Council are interested in hearing from the stakeholders in this decision: including musicians, readers and special ministers of the Eucharist as well as other parishioners. A decision will be made shortly about this.

**DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT**

Father Ian will be attending the Parramatta Diocesan clergy retreat at St Joseph's, Baulkham Hills from Sunday evening 27th October to Friday 1st November. Due to his absence on Tuesday evening 29th of October, John Collins will lead a communion service at 7:30pm. On Wednesday (28th) and Thursday (29th) Graham Lum will lead communion services at 9am. Father Ian will be back on Friday morning for the 9:15am Mass for all Saints Day.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019**

Parents are reminded that the second session for parents and children will continue this week in the home groups with your facilitators and hosts.



**CHRIST THE KING PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

Squires meets every Friday night in the Mary MacKillop Hall



for Years 5 - 8, that's right, welcome to all year 5 students.

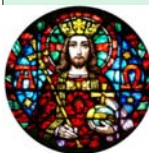
This term we look at our theme of **How to Meet Our Mother, Mary**. Mark the following dates in your diary.

- \* Friday 1 Nov: Hail Mary, and the Rosary
- \* Friday 8 Nov: Her husband Joseph
- \* Friday 15 Nov: Litany, world title champion
- \* Friday 22 Nov: The Queen Mother of Christ The King
- \* Friday 29 Nov: Advent, (and Christmas)
- \* Friday 6 Dec: END OF YEAR PARTY!!!

**ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY MASS**

Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of All Saints Day this Friday 1st November at 9.15am with the students from Christ the King Primary attending. 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 be taking place on Saturday 2nd November.



**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

The Parish will celebrate its feast day on the weekend of November 23/24. Bishop Vincent has kindly accepted the offer to preside over the Eucharist on Saturday evening November 23 at 6pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend this liturgy in which we will particularly acknowledge those who have served in various ministries in our parish throughout the year. After the Eucharist we will share food together in the MacKillop hall. Like last year, we invite parishioners to provide food to share on this occasion, supplemented by food purchased by the parish. To assist with coordination of this an Excel spreadsheet will be available at the back of the church for people to nominate what they will bring on the night.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**Friday 8th - Sunday 10th November**

The next marriage enrichment weekend presented by World Wide Marriage Encounter will be taking place at Mt Carmel, Varroville. For further information or to reserve your attendance, logon to [www.wmme.org.au](http://www.wmme.org.au) or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0400 963 011.



**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2019**

This special annual appeal assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Parramatta Diocese. This appeal was held on the weekend of 31st August and 1st September this year. Thank you to all of the generous parishioners of Christ the King, who contributed to the total amount of \$5720.45.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

**This Thursday 31st October 2019 6:30pm – 9:00pm**

**Third Session: Prayerful & Eucharistic**

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 focus on six different themes. These sessions are being held at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. RSVP to [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org)