



# Sunday 3rd November, 2019

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year C



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
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**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*  
**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Next meeting Thursday 7th November**

#### PARISH SERVICES

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

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#### **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:** Armando Missio, Deacon Robert Carroll.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part. Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future.

Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

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## NOVEMBER MASSES

St Ambrose preached, *"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayer into the house of the Lord."* For this reason, parishioners are invited to put the names of their loved ones on the card provided on the table near the sanctuary and place on the commemorative wall during the month of November. The daily Mass will be held for their intentions. Envelopes are available to commemorate the memory of your loved one at Mass and their name will be placed in the Parish Memorial Book. Only recently deceased persons will be listed in the bulletin during the month of November.

#### 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.

**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	<b>Volunteers Required Please</b> Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph	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 5:** Mark & Carmel Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

**9th / 10th November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Lance Parker	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b> Georgette Rissmiller	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Thea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Ken Coorey Carmelita Khoo Chris Kinsella Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Marea Mooney Leila Safy	Dominic Wong

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Volunteer Required Please (Coordinator),** Mary Cook (Preschool), Caroline Elchaar (Yrs 2&3), Sarah Garland (Yrs 4-6)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Chris Kinsella

**COUNTER GROUP 4:** Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Gillian Mobbs, Barbara Haddad

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6:** Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

## 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.

## MEETING THIS WEEK - Parish Finance Committee

This Wednesday 6th November at 7:00pm, the Parish Finance Committee will meet in the presbytery.

## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Smith family, Dominic and Marcella with their daughter Abigail. We also welcome the Metz family, David and Greta and their son Arthur. May Abigail and Arthur's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

Parents are reminded that the third session for parents and children will continue this week in the home groups with your facilitators and hosts. A practice session will take place in the Church on Wednesday 13th November commencing at 7.30pm.

## 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.*

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

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Saturday 16th November - 9am

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on Saturday 17 August 2019 at the 9am Mass.

## 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 23rd 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, a clipboard listing is now available at the back of the church for people to nominate what they will be able to bring on the night. Thank you.

## 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.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0400 963 011.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

Calling all pre-schoolers - Year 6 to join us in making Christmas Eve Mass a special occasion for all the family! We will be preparing our performance during children's liturgy at 10am Mass through December. Please contact Sarah Cook if you would like your child to join in via email: [scook@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scook@parra.catholic.edu.au) or ph: 0433 590 722

## PARISHIONER REQUEST for TRANSPORT TO MASS

The parish has been contacted with a request of assistance for a parishioner who would like to return to Mass on the weekend. After a bout of illness, they were unable to attend. Even though now fully recovered, due to a lack of transport cannot travel to the church. If there is anyone who can assist in bringing this Oatlands parishioner to and from Mass, please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org). Thank you.

## MISSING GLASSES

A pair of prescription 'Ray-Ban' sunglasses were left behind during last Saturday evening's Vigil Mass in the Crying Room. If anyone has collected them by mistake, could you please return them to the parish office or Church so they can be returned. Thank you.

## COME AND FIND A WAY TOGETHER

### How is God calling us...? to be a Christ-Centred Church that is:

- \* Open to Conversion Renewal and Reform: St Michael's November 2nd or IFM Blacktown November 20th
- \* Prayerful and Eucharistic: IFM Blacktown November 6th or St Bernadette's Castle Hill November 13th
- \* Humble, Healing and Merciful: IFM Blacktown November 6th
- \* A Joyful, hope-filled community: IFM Blacktown November 14th
- \* Inclusive Participatory and Synodal: St Michael's November 16th
- \* Missionary and Evangelising: St Bernadette's Castle Hill November 20th

Now is the time to gather in small groups and together with the Holy Spirit, prayerfully find ideas that can be sent to the Plenary Council's Discernment and Writing Groups. If you would like to host a small group on any of these topics call Wendy on 0427 863 149.

### CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

**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)

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: 6 NOVEMBER 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Fourth Session: Humble, Healing and Merciful - 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)

### 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)

### 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.

### 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.