



Sunday 10th November, 2019

Thirty-Second 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 21st 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

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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: Kate Owens, Joyce Slyney (Mother of Fr Paul Slyney)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

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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.

This Week's Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14, 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5, Lk 20:27-38 Next Week's Readings: Mal 3:19-20, 2 Thes 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Ken Boys Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Volunteer Required Please Georgette Rissmiller	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Ken Coorey Carmelita Khoo Chris Kinsella Gerianne Sadaya	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	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

16th / 17th November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Dawn Peat Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Colman	David Collins	Tony Hughes Jason Scanlon	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi John Lacey Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Chen
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Sarah Cook Stephen Doyle	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rhenberger (Coordinator), Lynette Kaddis, (Preschool), **Volunteer Req'd Pls (Yrs 2&3)**, Terri Hirschhorn (Yrs 4-6)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, David Collins, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP 5: Noel White, Joe Vitetta, John Murphy

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

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

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

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.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019 - CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE MASSES

A change has occurred when the children will now receive their certificates. **Children will be presented during Mass on the weekend of Saturday 30th November / Sunday 1st December.** Your nominated Mass time will remain the same unless the change in date has caused a scheduling conflict. Please email the Sacramental Coordinator, Mrs Diane Campbell - ian.12@bigpond.com to nominate another Mass time. Parents are reminded that a practice session will take place in the Church this Wednesday 13th November commencing at 7.30pm.

PARISH LIBRARY

Parishioner Ellen Vaughan will be speaking at the 8am and 10am Masses this weekend to share information on our parish library. Learn about what resources are available and how you can access them.

DID YOU KNOW?

CHRIST THE KING PARISH YOUTH GROUP - BAKE SALE

The parish youth group will be holding a Bake Sale **next Sunday after the 10am Mass** to raise funds supporting the youth group and its activities. Indulge in some morning tea after Mass and assist the youth of our parish. 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 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!!!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Next Saturday 16th November - 9am

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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 bring on the night. Thank you.



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 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 Thank you.

Can you help?

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT NORTH ROCKS

The North Rocks Carols by Candlelight is a major community event run by local Churches for the local community. This year it is being held from 5-9pm on Friday 20th December at North Rocks Park. Naturally an event like this costs and so our Committee is still in need of sufficient sponsors. If you know of any local businesses who may be interested in sponsoring please advise. (Flyer available in church foyer)



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: IFM Blacktown November 20th
- * Prayerful and Eucharistic: St Bernadette's Castle Hill November 13th
- * 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

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: 14 NOVEMBER 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Fifth Session: Joy, Hope-filled & Servant Community - 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

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

PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST: 20 NOVEMBER - 12PM PRINCE ALFRED SQUARE

An opportunity for to share a meal and enjoy some entertainment with those they don't usually encounter, in a spirit of solidarity, friendship and community. All are welcome to participate.

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.