



# Sunday 24th November, 2019

## Feast of Christ the King

### Year C



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
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**Parish Secretary:** Claudine Nallétamby  
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**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*

**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - *Next meeting Thursday 5th December: FINAL MEETING FOR 2019*

#### 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:**

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**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 15 February 2020 at 9am Mass.

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

**THE SICK:** Mary Magill, Joe Frare, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pera Sciberras, Sr Gemma O'Keefe OCD, Carmen Grez, Pauline Corcoran, Kate Owens, Joyce Slynez.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all. © Dianne Bergant



## 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.

**23rd / 24th November - Feast of Christ the King**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Lance Parker <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Lilia Nuguid <b>Volunteer Required Please</b> Gerieanne Sadaya	Darren So
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Ken Coorey	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b> Sam Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b> Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Leila Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rhenberger (Coordinator), Paula Mitchell, (Preschool), Terri Hirschhorn (Yrs 2&3), Sarah Garland (Yrs 4-6)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Aubon Fernando, Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 6:** Robert Wallace, Peter Bosci

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4:** Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

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

**30th November / 1st December - First Sunday of Advent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad John Khoudair	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Margaret Noonan	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey Carmelita Khoo Christine Kinsella Jui-May Lee	Pauline Chen
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	John DeCourcy Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Gerieanne Sadaya Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeung

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

**COUNTER GROUP 7:** Tony Clancy, John Lacey

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

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

## CHANGE IN SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME

After consultation with the major stakeholders' Fr Ian has decided to change the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass start time to 5:30pm, beginning in the New Year on **Saturday, 4 January 2020**. Saturday afternoon Reconciliation will also begin half an hour earlier at 4pm from that date. Thanks to all who offered feedback. Apologies to those whom it may inconvenience. Hopefully this will increase Mass attendance on Saturday evening.

## MEETING THIS WEEK RESCHEDULED - Parish Liturgy Committee

This Tuesday 26th November at 8pm the Parish Liturgy Committee will meet in the presbytery.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

### THANK YOU & CHANGE IN CERTIFICATE MASSES

Father Ian, on behalf of the parish community, would like to express his gratitude to the members of the Sacramental Team: Diane Campbell, Cate Joseph and Ben Horne, supported by the teachers from CTK school and our Catechists, for all their wonderful work in assisting the 49 children and their families to prepare for First Reconciliation. Thanks also to Lesley Bosci for decorating the Church for the Celebration on Wednesday evening. Appreciation also to parents and those who hosted and facilitated the groups. A reminder that certificates will be presented next weekend to the children on the First Sunday of Advent at your nominated Mass.

## 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 29 Nov: Advent, (and Christmas)

\* Friday 6 Dec: END OF YEAR PARTY!!!

## CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SENIOR CITIZENS MORNING TEA

Dear Parishioners, in Kindergarten at Christ the King, the children are learning about how we can be like Jesus, serving others. The children will be preparing and hosting a Senior Citizens Morning Tea for parishioners of Christ the King in the Mary MacKillop Hall. Morning Tea will be **this Wednesday 27th November from 9.45am-10.30am**. Please RSVP to Tony Hughes: [ahughes@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ahughes@parra.catholic.edu.au) or 0432 056 959, if you would like to attend.



## BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL - SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER & SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Bishop's Christmas Appeal helping vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive.

Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Envelopes will be available next weekend. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

Thank you for sharing God's blessings this Christmas with our sisters and brothers in need.

## 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

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2020

*Courses commence in February 2020*

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

For Readers and Commentators formation and training on proclaiming the Gospel.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

For Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, serving at the altar during Mass.

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING

Training and formation on serving and ministering to the Sick and Dying in our parish communities.

### SENIOR SERVERS AND ACOLYTES

Comprehensive training for ministers who wish to serve at the altar during Mass for their parish. To become an Acolyte, you must attend all the previous ministries to qualify for attending the Acolyte sessions.

All applications need to be endorsed by your parish Priest prior to attending the first Introductory session. Upon completion of the final session, certificates will be issued to your local Parish to be distributed and an order of commissioning. Enrolment forms are available from the parish. Please contact the parish office via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone 9871.8710 to receive a form for completion.

## **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)

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## **THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE**

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at [epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://epiphanypilgrimage.org) and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

## **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask your priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT & LUNCHEON - OLMC PARRAMATTA**

Year 10 students from Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta are organising a Senior Citizens' Concert and Luncheon in the Edith Angel Hall, Ross Street, Parramatta this Tuesday 26 November 2019 from 9:30am - 1:00pm. Join in the festive celebrations. For further information, please contact Tanya Brangwin on 9683 3300.

## **FESTIVAL OF SAINT CECILIA: THIS SAT 23RD / THIS SUNDAY 24TH**

St. Kevin's Church, Hillview Road Eastwood. Continuous (free) Sunday concert from 1.30 to 5.30pm. Choral work Handel's Chandos Anthem 9 mid afternoon. All events in the Church. If interested just come along. Small handbills are at the Paper Table, more detail at [www.kevinwood.org](http://www.kevinwood.org)

## **ST MICHAELS & OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER**

If you are a single person, a couple, or a family, you are warmly invited to share a Christmas Brunch with our St Michaels and OLOL Community. People from everywhere are welcome. We would love to share Christmas with you! Equally, if you know anyone who even *might* be spending Christmas by themselves, bring them along, and we'll celebrate together. A delicious brunch will be served at 11am on Christmas Day, 25th December, in the St. Michael's Old Church at Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills, (no cost!!) Transport can be arranged, just let us know when you RSVP if you would like a pick up or to be dropped off. Please RSVP to David Dowling at [david.dowling@raywhite.com](mailto:david.dowling@raywhite.com) or on 0421 051 029

## **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.

2019



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

With the Christmas Season approaching it is once again time to consider the less fortunate families in our area.

This is where the St Vincent de Paul Society, with the help of our very generous Parishioners get together to provide food, toiletries, cleaning items and toys for children to bring a little joy to their lives.

We are asking for your help to provide items for our Christmas Hampers. The Giving Tree will be placed in the Church Foyer with cards with hamper items. Please take some cards and return the items to the baskets in the Church Foyer. All items need to be returned by December 8<sup>th</sup> as the hampers are being delivered between December 10<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please DO NOT WRAP ANY TOYS OR FOOD ITEMS as we have to unwrap them to make sure they are suitable for the family receiving the hamper.

Overleaf is a list of items. Please note that the Festive Food this year is being provided by the Christ the King School Community.

**Rice  
Pasta  
Lentils  
Flour  
Sugar**

**Tinned fruit & vegetables  
Tinned tomatoes  
Tinned fish  
Tinned lentils  
Tinned soup  
Pasta sauce  
Cooking Sauce**

**Tea  
Coffee  
Milo**

**Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Soap  
Toothpaste**

**Washing powder  
Household cleaners**

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