



Sunday 15th December, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Year A



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 6th February 2020.**

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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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: Alan Hardman (Funeral - Wed 18.12.2019 - 12.30pm), Charlie Camilleri (Father of Jason Scanlon), Paul Safy, Margaret Mulholland (Mother of Gillian Mobbs).

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Snaith, Kevin Gately, Peter Craft, Neil O'Hara.

DECEASED: Maria Consuelo & All Souls.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

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The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday (gaudete is Latin for "rejoice"). This day we reflect on the deep joy of God's profound grace and love, while anticipating the fullness of our spiritual rebirth that is made possible by the coming of Christ at Christmas. This anticipation is symbolized by the rose colour of the third candle in the Advent Wreath and the vestments. This joyful pause, itself symbolic, bears a message of hope. We are never alone amid the challenges of life. Rather, God's love and mercy are always with us beckoning us forward, offering healing, support, and renewal.



CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS TIMES

AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Tuesday 24th December: 6pm - Children's Liturgy & 9pm - Family Mass

Wednesday 25th December: 8am & 10am Mass

CHRISTMAS 2019 RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday 21st December: 9.30am & 4.30pm

Tuesday 24th December: 9am

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: Is 35:1-6, 10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11 Next Week's Readings: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

14th / 15th December - Third Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Ron Ruskin	Georgette Rissmiller Gabby Scanlon	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Thea Price
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	John DeCourcy Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Mario Azzopardi Jui-May Lee Cecilie McCarron Lorraine Murphy	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Marea Mooney Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeung Ruth Jilesh

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Aubon Fernando, Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Mark & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

21st / 22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty Gerard Sadaya	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Cecilie McCarron Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo John Lacey Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Chen
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	David Collins	Sarah Cook John DeCourcy	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Jenny Roddy Gerianne Sadaya Leila Safy	Volunteer Required Please

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP 3: Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Reyna Mendes, Barbara Haddad

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

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

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION TIMES: Thursday 19th December: Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville - 7.30pm
Monday 23rd December: St Michael's, Baulkham Hills - 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Tuesday 24th December 6pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Kerry Saad Sue Veling	Alik Orgun	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Volunteer Required Please	Darren So
Tuesday 24th December 9pm	Sam Bietola Chris Brown	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Volunteer Required Please	Jui-May Lee Marea Mooney Gerianne Sedaya Rosemary Wickham	Julia Hoban
Wednesday 25th December 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Keith Henson	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Chris Kinsella Jim Kinsella Lilia Nuguid Carmelita Khoo	Mike Yates
Wednesday 25th December 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Jim Kinsella	Carmelita Khoo Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Margaret Coakley Cecilie McCarron Jenny Roddy Leila Safy	Isabelle Chacty

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.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR CTK PRIMARY END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Christ the King Primary will celebrate their End of School Year Mass Will **this Wednesday 18 December at 9.15am**. At the conclusion of the Mass, presentations and awards will occur.

Please note change in Mass time on this day only from 9am to 9.15am.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

After a few years of wonderful service Rachel Elliott is stepping down from the role of preparing couples for their child's baptism. We are very grateful for her ministry during this time. The parish is looking for a team of people to take on this important task of welcoming and preparing young parents for the baptism of their children. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact the parish office. Suitable training in this ministry will be facilitated by John Collins and Rachel Elliott.

PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE

On 3 February 1970 Father Eric Burton was appointed the first parish priest of North Rocks thus marking the foundation date for the beginning of the new parish of Christ the King, North Rocks. This coming 3rd of February 2020 marks the 50th year of the establishment of our parish community. The Parish Pastoral Council would like to mark this significant milestone with some events in 2020. To enable this, we would like to create a Golden Jubilee committee to assist in the organisation of the celebration of this anniversary. Particularly we would like to invite parishioners who were around at the foundation of the parish to join this committee. If you would like to be a member of such a committee please contact the parish office. (Via email northrocks@parracatholic.org or phone 9871 8710) A date will soon be advertised for the initial meeting of this committee.

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

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 this Friday 20th December at North Rocks Park. Volunteer assistance is required on the day to set-up and man booths. Please contact the parish office - northrocks@parracatholic.org to volunteer or for more information.** This is a community event for all the family presented by all the Christian churches in this area. Hope to see everyone there.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2020

Courses commence in February 2020 for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick & Dying, Senior Servers & 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 or phone 9871.8710 to receive a form for completion.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Facilities Maintenance Officer: Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 16 December.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK AND NOW AVAILABLE!

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.

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 and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

ST BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette and Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on 02 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

GLENBROOK PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT: SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's traditional Christmas concert will be held on Sunday 22 December at 7.30pm. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Suggestion Donations – families \$35 and individuals \$15. Bring family, friends and neighbours. For enquiries, please contact (02) 4754 1780.

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 or on 0421 051 029

KELLYVILLE PARISH MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, is holding their annual Mass of the Holy Innocents on 28 December at 11am. Fr David Blowey OFM Conv will celebrate Mass, followed by a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Lunch will be available and please bring a plate to share. For enquiries, please contact the parish office on 9629 2595.

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.