



Sunday 22nd December, 2019

Fourth 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:	Weekday Masses:
6pm Saturday	Tuesday 7:30pm
8am Sunday	Wednesday 9am
10am Sunday	Thursday 9am
	Friday 9:15am (Communion Service)
	Saturday 9am

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Phone: 9871 8710

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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 Charlie Camilleri, Paul Safy, Margaret Mulholland.

ANNIVERSARIES: Deacon James Phelan.

DECEASED: Guiseppina Cutrone, Beniamino Cutrone, George Cutrone Jnr, Jimmy Cutrone, Carmelina Cutrone, Maria Consuelo & All Souls.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Despite all of the excitement associated with eschatological fulfilment, despite all of the assurance we have that it will be an experience of peace and abundant life, the mystery for which we long requires the risk of faith. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full comprehension and understanding. Still we are invited to enter deeply into the event that is before us. Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make.

The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith. As Christians, we are called to devote ourselves to the service of Christ. Our primary commitment must be to Christ and to the way of being human that he has shown us. We must be committed to what enriches life and not to what diminishes it. We must be committed to the good of people and not to the hoarding of things. We may not be official heralds of the gospel, but we proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in honesty of our business transactions. We proclaim the gospel when we stand for justice, when we forgive those who have offended us, when we show compassion to those who suffer. As we step into the eschatological age, we are called to recommit ourselves to genuine Christian living. ©Dianne Bergant

Today as we draw to the end of our time of waiting and preparation, we focus our attention on the coming of the child Jesus and on Mary whose faith and obedience inspires us all. Mary is the model for us all to follow as we wait with hope and trust for the coming of our Saviour.

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

Thursday 26th December (Feast of St Stephen): 9am

Friday 27th December: 9.15am - Communion Service

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.

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	Ingrid Wulf & Therese Davies

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rhienberger (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**28th / 29th December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad Volunteer Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Volunteer Required Please	Thea Price
Sunday 8am	John Colman Volunteer Required Please	Jim Kinsella	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey Chris Kinsella Jui-May Lee Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Chen
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Lance Parker	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Volunteer Required Please	Julia Hoban

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy during school holidays**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham**COUNTER GROUP 4:** Carl Lao, Peter Bellamy, John Hunt**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Leni Adan**PIETY GROUP 4:** Lena Henson, Dawn Muriti, Helen Templeman, Marea Mooney**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1:** CTK School Mums Group 1, Julie Bechara**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION TIMES:** 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

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul, would like to thank the Christ the King parishioners for your most generous donations of food and toys, to our 2019 Giving Tree. The response was extraordinary and we were able to provide wonderful hampers to the people we assist. Thank you for helping us in our work to bring a little joy into the lives of the very needy in our community at this joyous time of Christmas.



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.

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.



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.



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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK AND NOW AVAILABLE!

Catholic Outlook is now available. 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 the church foyer.

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.

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.

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.