



# Sunday 29th December, 2019

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Jesus

### Year A



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
**Trainee Deacon:** John Collins  
**Parish Secretary:** Claudine Nallétamby  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm  
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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 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 Charlie Camilleri, Paul Safy, Margaret Mulholland.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Shirley Lawton, Annie Scanlon.

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

All of the major themes found in today's readings highlight the relational character of family life. In Sirach some of the dynamics of family living and responsibility as exercised in the ancient world unfold before our eyes. The rewards of faithfully observing these family codes are showcased in the responsorial Psalm. Paul directs our attention to the manner of relational living to which we are summoned as members of the family of God, a manner of living that flows from the bond of perfection that unites us. The gospel narrative paints a picture of a family that follows the directives of God.

So much has been said recently about family values. But what exactly are they? The specifics of family customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but it seems that the values out of which they emerge and that inform them are not. They include mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children, and between the young and the old.

Mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family as well. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. It may be more challenging to live out these values within the church, for those who are called to put on Christ, bearing with one another in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience must relate in this way with people who may be strangers.

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#### 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.

**28th / 29th December - The Holy Family of Jesus**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Thea Price
Sunday 8am	John Colman <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	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 <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>

**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

**4th / 5th January - The Epiphany of the Lord**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Diane Campbell Gillian Mobbs Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	John Colman Chris Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Gabby Scanlon	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Carmelita Khoo Jim Kinsella John Lacey Gieranne Sadaya	Jason Scanlon
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Leila Safy Natasha Todorov	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy during school holidays**

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1:** Lesley Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Helen Roumanos



## 2020

We have experienced, dearly beloved friends, the joy with which we celebrated, by the favour of a merciful God, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In that same joy, we now proclaim his new birth, the resurrection of that same Lord and Saviour and our reliving of it during the coming year.

\* The 26th day of February will be Ash Wednesday.

\* On the 12th day of April we will exalt in the full celebrations of Easter.

\* The 24th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

\* The 31st of May will be the feast of Pentecost.

\* On the 14th day of June we will celebrate First Holy Communion on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

\* On the 22nd day of November, we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

\* The 29th day of November will be the First Sunday of Advent when we shall look forward again to the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### NORTH ROCKS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Many thanks to all who were involved in the very successful carols by Candlelight at North Rocks Park on Friday, 20 December. Particular thanks are extended to Mike and Trish Yates and Lorraine Murphy for all their organisation behind the scenes, with the other Churches, to make it such a success. Quite a few of our parishioners participated in the performances, especially two starring cockatoo puppets!



### NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019 / NEW YEAR'S DAY 2020

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Tuesday 31st of December to farewell 2019 and on Wednesday, 1st January Mass will be celebrated at 9am to welcome in the New Year and to pray for peace on the feast of Mary the Mother of God.

### 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](mailto: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

**Saturday, 4 January 2020**

Beginning next week on **Saturday, 4 January 2020**, evening Vigil Mass start time will be 5:30pm. Saturday afternoon Reconciliation will also begin half an hour earlier at 4pm from that date.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed from this Monday 30th December and reopens next Monday 6th January 2020.

Please Note!



## **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.

## **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.

## **BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Help 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. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## **THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE**

It is with sadness that the 2020 Epiphany Pilgrimage has been cancelled in light of the current fire situation in the Blue Mountains. We continue to keep all those affected by the fires in our thoughts and prayers and give thanks for the tireless efforts and generosity of the firefighters. There are discussions about a possible mid-year pilgrimage (July school holidays with dates TBC), with relevant information to be posted to <http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org/> as plans take shape.

## **OFFICE FOR WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES**

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

## **ANNUAL RED MASS: 28 JANUARY 2020**

Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Bob Bossini warmly invite members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on 28 January at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Confirm attendance and any dietary requirements by 20 January to (02) 8839 8411 or [events@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:events@stpatscathedral.com.au).

## **PASTORAL PLANNING ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP: 9 FEBRUARY 2020**

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training day in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, Sunday 9 February, 9.30am – 4.30pm. The workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish. 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)

## **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY 2020**

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown at 10.30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout on (02) 8838 3460 or [marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org) to assist with seating and catering.

## **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.