



# Sunday 12th January, 2020

## The Baptism of the Lord

### 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 & 4pm

**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:**  
5.30pm 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:** Gerarda Hermens (Funeral - Wed 15.1.2020: 10.30am), Dr Peter Skelton, Julie Thivy.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elvira Goodwin, Shirley Lawton.

**DECEASED:** J.Atam, H.Agada, K.Yoam, J.Rusia, Ken Graham, Guiseppina Cutrone, Beniamino Cutrone, George Cutrone Jr, Jimmy Cutrone, Carmelina Cutrone, Maria Consuelo & All Souls.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.

For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction. ©Dianne Bergant



#### 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 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Mt 3:13-17 Next Week's Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34  
**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)**

**11th / 12th January - The Baptism of the Lord**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday</b> 5.30pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Lance Parker	Rob Haddad Georgette Rissmiller	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Cecilie McCarron Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Thea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Carmelita Khoo Chris Kinsella Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy	Pauline Chen
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Sarah Cook Stephen Doyle	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Gieranne Sadaya	Dominic Wong

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Carmelita Khoo, Chris Kinsella, Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Gillian Mobbs, Barbara Haddad

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

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

**18th / 19th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday</b> 5.30pm	Paul Rankin <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown John Colman	Aubon Fernando	Margaret Noonan Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Mario Azzopardi Ilana Blazevic Ken Coorey Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Cecilie McCarron Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Dominic Wong

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Mario Azzopardi, Ken Coorey, Aubon Fernando, Rosemary Wickham

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3:** Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus, Ken Coorey



## PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE - FIRST MEETING WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY

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. An initial meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd January commencing at 7pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not had a chance to register.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019 - THANK YOU

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of Christ the King parish for your generous donations to our 2019 Christmas Appeal. This money will now enable us to continue to help the very needy in our community.



### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW 2020 RETREAT

**“The Kingdom of God is within You”**

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th January

9am - 4.30pm

St Agatha's Primary School, Pennant Hills

International Speaker: Michelle Moran

For further information - ph: 9810.2499 or email: [email@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:email@ccrnsw.org.au) To register: [www.trybooking.com/BHKXU](http://www.trybooking.com/BHKXU)

### SACRAMENTAL DATES – 2020

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 & ABOVE

- \* Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 1st April 2020 - 7.30pm
- \* Ceremony: Weekend 13th & 14th June 2020 All Masses (Feast of Corpus Christi)

#### CONFIRMATION - FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 & ABOVE

- \* Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 24th June 2020 – 7.30pm
- \* Ceremony: Wednesday, 2nd September 2020 - 7.00pm

#### RECONCILIATION - FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 & ABOVE

- \* Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 16th September 2020 – 7.30pm
- \* Ceremony: Wednesday, 18th November 2020 - 7.30pm

### DIOCESAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY - PENROSE PARK

Due to the bushfires in our region and districts we must, with great sadness, cancel our monthly celebration dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of January. This has been done after the prayerful discernment of our superiors and in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service. The fires still pose a threat to our district and our neighbours especially this coming weekend. Please keep in your prayers the need for rain, those who fight the fires, those that support them and their families and of course, those affected by these fires.



### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT LONG - PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Diocese will be sending a delegation of people to the Plenary Council and this includes two delegates called from our Diocese from the “presbyters and others of Christ’s faithful”. These two people are to be called from among the “presbyters and others of Christ’s faithful” of our diocesan Church, that is: from among the clergy and the laity. If you think this could be you, an Expression of Interest form can be downloaded from the Diocesan website at [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org) or for further information, please email the parish office: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or ph: 9871.8710. It is a great act of faith and we are led by the Spirit every step of the way. Please join me in praying for all of the Church in Australia, and in particular for our diocesan delegation as we continue to journey toward the Plenary Council.

### BUSHFIRE APPEAL - AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th January - Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources or for more information, visit [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)



## **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.

## **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).

## **AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION: 19 JANUARY 2020 4-6PM**

Maltese Community Council of NSW

Holroyd Function Centre - Merrylands

All welcome to join the Maltese community to celebrate Australia Day.

## **UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS PARISH SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATIONS: 19 JANUARY 2020**

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains is celebrating the feast of Santo Niño at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. Mass will be held on Sunday 19 January at 12pm, with refreshments served afterwards. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 4782 2804 or [mmparishubm@gmail.com](mailto:mmparishubm@gmail.com)

## **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).

## **GREYSTANES PARISH BIBLICAL STUDIES PART 2: FEBRUARY 2020**

Throughout the month of February, Fr Joseph Lam from Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, will run a series of biblical studies on Prophetic Literature in the Old Testament. Sessions will be held at the parish every Thursday in February and on 5 March from 7.30pm to 9pm. Registrations are essential by [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.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.

## **CATHOLIC MISSION CAMINO 2020 PILGRIMAGES:**

Catholic Mission is organising two pilgrimages to walk the Camino Portugués (17 days) from 11 to 27 May 2020 and the Camino Francés (16 days) from 19 September to 5 October. Each pilgrimage will offer small groups led by an experience guide. For more information, please contact Sr Veronica Rosier OP on 0451 387 906 or visit [www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020)

## **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.