



# Sunday 19th January, 2020

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year A



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
**Trainee Deacon:** John Collins  
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**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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**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,

Dr Peter Skelton, Julie Tivvy.

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

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly. ©Dianne Bergant

### PARISH LEADERSHIP

Our parish is guided by three important groups who meet with the parish priest regularly. The Parish Pastoral Council, which establishes pastoral vision and strategy, the Parish Liturgy Committee which supports how we celebrate Mass together and the Parish Finance Committee which oversees our financial governance. Fr Ian thanks each of the members who have worked alongside him last year and continue on this year. We thank the retiring members of these committees for their service. We are looking for some new members for each of these groups to work with Fr Ian for our parish in to the future. Is there one of these teams you feel you could contribute to? If so, please contact Fr Ian on 9871.8710 or via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)



### 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 49:3, 5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34 Next Week's Readings: Is 32:15-18, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Mt 5:2-12  
**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)**

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	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

**25th / 26th January - Australia Day**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid	Alex Bozanic Jason Scanlon
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Gabby Scanlon	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella John Lacey Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy	Pauline Chen
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Aubon Fernando	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney Leila Safy <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Julia Hoban

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP 1:** Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Michael Ng, Graeme Gardiner

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

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

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

**LAST CHANCE to buy your 2020 Columban Calendar!** Discounted price of only \$8. Available in the Church foyer.



## AUSTRALIA DAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

Next Sunday is Australia Day and to mark our national day we will celebrate by using the readings and prayers for Australia Day rather than the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time. We encourage our parishioners, their families and friends to attend to express our gratitude for the many gifts which have come to us, and to this ancient land. We are also sensitive to the reality that whilst this day marks the beginning of European settlement in this land our indigenous brothers and sisters preceded us by many thousands of years. We will pray for a deeper appreciation of what we have today as a nation, not in financial terms, but rather what this vast country offers us. We also acknowledge the sad realities of climate change with the horrific bushfires we have experienced. It is time to pray for a new wave of grace, so that the light of Christ will shine on us all. By being better attuned to the Holy Spirit, there is the hope that our Church may be transformed, our relationships healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice, with a commitment to a better society.

### BUSHFIRE APPEAL - NEXT 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. All donations over \$2 made to this appeal will be tax deductible. Please give generously.

### PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE - FIRST MEETING THIS 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 this Wednesday 22nd January commencing at 7pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.



### 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

### HELP NEEDED!

**YOUR  
HELP IS  
NEEDED**

Volunteers are at the heart of all that is accomplished in the parish. From the catechists who share faith by guiding children and teens to attentive altar servers. Two volunteers are required to help the Cleaning Ministry fulfil our mission. The addition of these new members will allow the Cleaning Team to better maintain the clean and friendly environment that parishioners and visitors have come to enjoy. We perform a variety of tasks from vacuuming to keeping all areas of the church and front paved area clean and tidy. It is a commitment of about two hours on a rotating roster of six weeks. On behalf of the Cleaning Ministry I would like to thank and welcome any new volunteers to our Team. Contact the Parish on 9871 8710 or Brian Euhus - Parish Cleaning Ministry Co-ordinator on 9873 5603.

### LENTEN PROGRAM 2020

The season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday 26th February and concludes on Easter Sunday 12th April. It is a time for spiritual renewal, repentance and reflection. For many years now our parish has fostered this renewal through small groups gathering to reflect on the scriptures and to share their faith with one another. The program that will be used this year is provided by the Diocese of Wollongong entitled "Grace". This Lenten program includes short daily reflections in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions. This program is also perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group. If you wish to form a group or join a group, please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org).



## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

\* Volunteers – Mamre Creche – CatholicCare

\* Office Manager – Tribunal of the Catholic Church (NSW and ACT), Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 3rd February. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 DIOCESAN DELEGATE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your Parish priest, school principal or agency leader today or download the Expression of Interest form and information sheet at [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org). Expressions of Interest due by 25 January 2020. For further information contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441 or [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org)

## **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.

## **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).

## **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - 6 FEBRUARY**

You are invited to attend a Listening and Discernment session on the 6<sup>th</sup> February at the Institute for Mission | 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown starting at 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. At this session we will be covering the six themes for discernment: \* Missionary and Evangelising, \* Inclusive, participatory and synodal, \* Prayerful and Eucharistic, \* Humble, healing and merciful. \* A joy, hope-filled and servant community, \* Open to conversation, renewal and reform. At this session you will have the opportunity to select and explore one of these themes. Could you please advise your attendance to [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) ASAP. \*Morning tea will be provided\*

## **HONOURING THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: 8 – 9 FEBRUARY**

Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives, with millions of people forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit. On the weekend of 8 and 9 February, we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. We are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

## **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)

## **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.