



# Sunday 26th January, 2020

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year A



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

<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	<b>Weekday Masses:</b>
5:30pm Saturday	Tuesday 7:30pm
8am Sunday	Wednesday 9am
10am Sunday	Thursday 9am
	Friday 9:15am
	Saturday 9am

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#### 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:** Ben Swane, Gerarda Hermens, Dr Peter Skelton, Julie Thivy.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Stephen Wong, Annie Lum,  
**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.

## AUSTRALIA DAY 2020

We are a 'Land Down Under'.

Australia is a place to which people have been attracted over the millennia to forge a new future. First, the original inhabitants coming down through Asia, and then the settlers, migrants and refugees of the last 220 years. (Of course, the convicts were a less voluntary part of the movement of peoples!) Most were attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in Europe, and more recently in the Middle East or Africa or Asia or Central or South America. People were and are prepared to take the risk of being dis-located, of re-locating because of that vision of a different future, particularly a future not determined by the violence of feud and warfare which had characterised their homelands for generations, centuries, and even millennia. They come because they aspire to be someone different, to do something different, in ways not predetermined by centuries of custom and tradition in their home society. Is this movement of people to Australia a 'chance event'? Is it just another phase of world history? No. I recall walking down a corridor in the Vatican, the wall of which was painted with a map of the world. Where Australia is, there was just ocean blue. It was painted before European explorers began to map our coastline! Those mapping expeditions gave us our name 'Australia'? De Quiros, the great Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit. Right from the start, the full title of our land was bound up with the Holy Spirit. I am confident that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit, no chance event in world history but a gathering of peoples for a Divine purpose. One of the most distinctive works of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic, tribal and language barriers between people. That is why Christianity spread like wild fire across the Roman Empire. Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is felt very strongly. People from every nation, tribe, ethnic, and religious group on the face of the earth have relocated here and are creating a new sort of society. Human beings can relate to each other free from past structures of oppression and division in their old homeland societies. They have come, in their millions, to escape the histories of societies where everyone 'knew their place', to a land where we relate to each other for our inherent worth. Hence the great Australian characteristic: 'egalitarianism'. Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Our treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires. Our treatment of those genuinely fleeing persecution in their homelands falls short of what the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires. But on the whole, we are creating a version of the Kingdom of God under the Southern Cross of which we can be proud.

So, Australians All, let us rejoice –

For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare,

For our freedom to share life in our 'Common-Wealth',

For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this

Australia del Espiritu Santo, South Land of the Holy Spirit. ©Fr Michael Tate

#### 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.

**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 Dexter Tabeta	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Lilia Nuguid Nesli Nuguid <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Alex Bozanic Jason Scanlon
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	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

**1st / 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Dexter Tabeta Sue Veling	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Diane Campbell Frank Lah Cecilie McCarron Gillian Mobbs	Thea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Chris Kinsella Jui-May Lee Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Marea Mooney Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeung

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger - Coordinator, Terri Hirschhorn - Pre-school, Sarah Garland - Yr 2-3, Erica Rheinberger - Yr 4-6

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Carmelita Khoo, Christine Kinsella, Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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

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

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## AUSTRALIA DAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 - BUSHFIRE APPEAL

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 to support affected communities. A third collection, will be held for parishioners to donate to the National Catholic Bushfire Appeal this Australia Day weekend. Parishioners also wishing to donate individually can do so via [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) and receive a tax-deductible receipt or place their donation in the envelopes on the pews. Thank you to those who have already contributed to assist those in need. We are also called to pray for those especially who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis.

## PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The initial meeting to commence preparations was held last Wednesday evening. Many ideas and memories were shared. More is needed though. Four committees have been formed and need participants to become involved for this important celebration. The groups are: Social Committee, Historical Committee, Public Relations/Marketing Committee and Future Evangelisation Committee. Please contact the parish office via email:

[northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or on 9871.8710 to join any of these important groups and be part of parish history.

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP - "WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR?"

How many times have you seen and spoken to a person regularly but never known their name? If you would like to get to know more people in your community/parish please come to the Good Neighbour group on Thursday 6th February from 10am-1.00pm. The Good Neighbour Group meets every two weeks during school term in the Mary MacKillop hall, for pleasant conversation, Tai Chi and Bingo (both voluntary) and a light lunch. Come on your own or bring a friend. Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

## CATECHISTS—SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS APPEAL

We are looking for volunteers from North Rocks Parish to teach Scripture at North Rocks Public School on Tuesday mornings and Carlingford West Public School on Wednesday mornings. The volunteers are required either to teach classes or assist with teaching classes in 2020. If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding Ministry or would like some further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332.

## HELP 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. 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) or place your details on the clipboard in the church foyer.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2020

Enrolments close on Monday 1st February or until booked out. The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Ministers of the Word, Safe Ministry Training, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying, Senior Servers and Acolytes. Our Courses are offered at two locations: Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. Please contact the Parish office via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) for an enrolment form or for more information.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES – 2020

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

\* Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 1st April 2020 - 7.30pm

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

\* Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 24th June 2020 – 7.30pm

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

\* Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 16th September 2020 – 7.30pm

## 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)

## 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 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)

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11 February 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 by 31 January on 8838 3460 . [parracatholic.org](mailto:parracatholic.org) to assist with seating and catering.

## IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved - this program will nurture your personal relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Knowledge from the focus topics is given by experienced presenters who facilitate the participants' further discussion and application to their ministry contexts. Register now and let part of your mission be to share this opportunity with someone else too. For more information about the Reflective Ministry Program contact Sr Grace via: 9296 6369 or email: [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au)

## 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.