



Sunday 2nd of February, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

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 & 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:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

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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: Elizabeth Limbrey, Fr Denis Callahan (Former P.P. St Agatha's Pennant Hills), Fr Gerald Scott CM

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Carey, Leslie Carey, Peter Evans, May Evans, 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

Dianne Bergant CSA



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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Dexter Tabeta Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Frank Lah Cecilie McCarron Gillian Mobbs	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo Chris Kinsella Jui-May Lee Rosemary Wickham	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley Volunteer Required Please 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

8th / 9th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 5.30pm	Ken Boys George Germanos	Lance Parker	Gerard Sadaya Volunteer Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Gillian Mobbs Nesli Nuguid	Thea Price
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Gabby Scanlon	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin Lorraine Murphy Gerianne Sadaya	Pauline Chen
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	Diane Campbell Margaret Coakley Cate Joseph Cecilie McCarron	Dominic Wong

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook - Coordinator, **Volunteer Requested - Pre-school**, Aileen Beaini - Yr 2-3, Terri Hirschhorn - Yr 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Aubon Fernando, Jose Jilesh, Anne-Marie Makin, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP 3: Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer,

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group 1, Julie Bechara

LAST CHANCE to buy your 2020 Columban Calendar! Only a few copies remaining! Discounted price of only \$8. Available in the Church foyer.

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 this 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

School has recommended for 2020 and 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.

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 or place your details on the clipboard in the church foyer.

CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH NEWS

Come along to squire to find out more about these topics and what our challenges are. The theme for this term is: "Image and Likeness".

Mark these dates in your schedules and join in.

For all youth news and updates on upcoming events, find us on

Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth

For more information, please contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES – 2020

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 & ABOVE

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

CONFIRMATION - FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 & ABOVE

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

RECONCILIATION - FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 & ABOVE

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

PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Four committees have been formed and need participants to become

involved in this important celebration. We are also requesting a coordinator for the following groups: Historical Committee and Future Evangelisation Committee. Please contact the parish office via email:

northrocks@parracatholic.org or on 9871.8710 if you have any ideas, would like to become a coordinator or join the committee and be part of parish history.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2020

Enrolments close on Monday 3rd 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 for an enrolment form or for more information.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Parishioners still wishing to donate can do so via www.vinnies.org.au to receive a tax-deductible. 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.

COMMUNION SERVICE THIS THURSDAY

Due to the fact that Fr Ian has to conduct the funeral service of a young mum at North Sydney on Thursday morning Graham Lum will lead a communion service on Thursday 6th February at 9am instead of Mass.

DATE	TOPIC
Fri 7th Feb	Intro/Social
Fri 14th Feb	True Selfie #no filter
Fri 21st Feb	What do you meme?
Fri 28th Feb	Followers
Fri 6th Mar	1000 words / No comment
Fri 13th Mar	What's in a name?
Fri 20th Mar	Like friends
Fri 27th Mar	To the ends of the earth
Fri 3rd Apr	Wrap up / chill out



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AD CLERUM

31 January 2020

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Dear Fathers, Deacons and Seminarians,

Re: Coronavirus

You will be aware through the media that this virus which originated in China is unfortunately gaining momentum and the World Health Organization has now declared a public health emergency.

As a result of this declaration and also advice from the NSW Department of Health, and after consulting Bishop Vincent the following directives apply in the celebration of Mass in the Diocese from 1 February 2020.

- In those parishes and communities in the Diocese where Holy Communion is distributed in Both Kinds, this practice will cease. Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only.
- For the time being priests/deacons are not to invite parishioners to exchange the Greeting of Peace.
- All ministers of Holy Communion (both Ordinary and Extraordinary) are to use hand sanitizers before the distribution of Holy Communion commences.

These measures will be reviewed in due course and when advice is received that the threat of the virus has receded, and the emergency declaration is lifted, you will be advised accordingly, and the measures will be reversed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any on-going concerns.

Very Rev Peter G. Williams
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

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. Expressions of Interest due by 25 January 2020. For further information contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441 or pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: 6 FEBRUARY

You are invited to attend a Listening and Discernment session on the 6th 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 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

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 to assist with seating and catering.

LIFTED LIVE FEATURING GEN BRYANT: 13 FEBRUARY

Youth, young adults and families are invited to a celebration of our local Church 'alive and brilliant' at CYP's LIFTED 2020 Launch on Thursday 13 February at WEST HQ, Rooty Hill from 7.30pm to 10pm. Live music, worship and plans unveiled for young people and acclaimed Catholic singer-songwriter from Melbourne Gen Bryant on-stage. Register your interest now at <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION 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

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.