



# Sunday 15th of March, 2020

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Year A



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
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[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 19th March 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 next Sat 16th of May 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:** Archbishop John Bathursty (Retired Archbishop of Brisbane), Dorothea Ellis and Robert Dona.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Theodore Greuter,

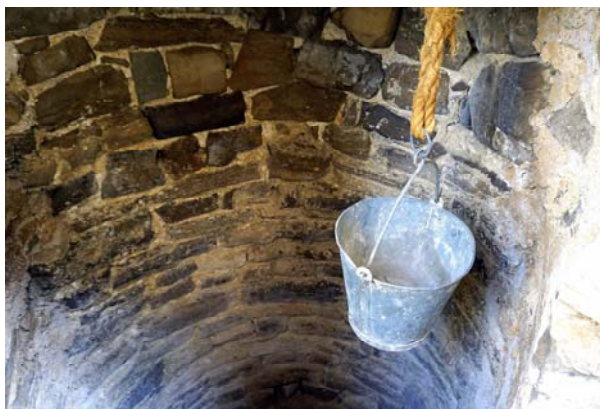
Eric Bokeyar, Hector Joseph, Maree Bourke.

**DECEASED:** Y.T. Hsu, Deannu Hsu, Joseph Van Minh, Tony Khalife, Soraya Khalife, Morrie Kahlife, Yvonne Boulous, Phillip Boulous, Charlie Karam, Leila Karam & All Souls.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'? The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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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.

**14th March / 15th March - Third Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Gabby Scanlon	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy	Thea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Mario Azzopardi John Lacey	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Jim Kinsella	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Leila Safy	Darren So Wea Yeaung Nick Said Ruth Jilesh

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook: Coordinator, Mary Cook: Pre-school, Caroline Elchaar: Yr 2-3, Paula Mitchell: Yr 4-6

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Mario Azzopardi, Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP 1:** Ron Ruskin, Eric Olson, Graeme Gardiner, John Coakley

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

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

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

**21st March / 22nd March - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Ken Boys	Lance Parker	Gerard Sadaya <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah Lilia Nuguid	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Kinsella <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Jose Jilesh	Margaret Noonan Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Chen
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Jenny Roddy Gerianne Sadaya	<b>Musicians required Please</b>

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Aubon Fernando, Jose Jilesh, Anne-Marie Makin

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

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

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

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

**PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - Friday 19th June**

A social evening has been organised for past and present Christ the King parishioners to be held at Oatlands Golf Club on Friday 19th June. Tickets will cost \$60 each and will be available to purchase via the parish website in May. For more information, please contact Marianne Dwyer on 0418 641 412 or via email: [Dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com](mailto:Dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com). Four committees have also been formed and need participants to become involved. Sign-up sheets are now available in the church foyer to register your interest. We are still seeking people for the following groups: Social, Historical, Public Relations/Marketing and Future Evangelisation. Please contact the parish office via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or on 9871.8710 if you require any further information.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA: COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear brothers and sisters,

You will be aware through the media and other sources of emerging concerns over the spread of COVID-19 (earlier referred to corona virus.) Several weeks ago, I issued on behalf of Bishop Vincent some directions around certain liturgical practices which have been accepted by the clergy and people of the Diocese, and it has provided a measure of protection and comfort for many of our people who are rightly concerned about this health issue. A new set of directions were sent to the clergy which adheres to advice that we have received from public health authorities about the risks of transmission associated with the virus. One of these risks concerns the administration of Holy Communion. In the Latin Church, Holy Communion can be received in two ways, either on the tongue or in the hand. Holy Communion can now only be received in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. I understand that for those of you who normally received Holy Communion on the tongue that this is a matter of pious practice and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and that you may have been doing so your entire life. In the current circumstances, I ask that you adjust to the practice of Holy Communion in the hand for the sake of your fellow parishioners. I further ask that you respect those administering Holy Communion, both ordinary and extraordinary ministers, who have received a directive that they cannot administer Holy Communion on the tongue. *Every blessing in this season of Lent, Very Rev Peter G. Williams - Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia*

### CHRISM MASS 2020

Fr Ian is looking for 2 parishioners to represent Christ the King Parish and Collect the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, 8 April in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta to be seated in the Cathedral by 7:15pm. Please contact the parish office either by phone 9871.8710 or email : [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) if you would like to represent us. Thank you.

### BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Mott family, Joshua & Courtney with their sons Zachary & Carter. May Zachary & Carter's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.



### PROJECT COMPASSION



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH NEWS

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

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](mailto:ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com)

DATE	TOPIC
Fri 20th Mar	Like friends
Fri 27th Mar	To the ends of the earth
Fri 3rd Apr	Wrap up / chill out



### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE - FOODBANK APPEAL

The JRS foodbank offers a dignified experience for the people we serve by allowing people to do their own 'shopping' from our stocked shelves and fridges. People select what they want and need from us, in this way we provide a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out.' But we need your help. We would like to invite Christ the King parishioners to join JRS in our Lenten foodbank program: "6 Weeks of Lent - Give 6 Things". We have identified six staple items that are most frequently requested. Thank you for your generosity; just one item a week makes such a difference. Your contribution is helping JRS accompany, serve, and advocate for these families.

WEEK 3	Cooking Oil
WEEK 4	Tinned tomatoes, Red Kidney Beans/ Chickpeas
WEEK 5	Long life Milk
WEEK 6	Pasta / Spaghetti

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL MARCH 21 & 22

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide

spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Next weekend the parish will hold an appeal to support this appeal. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

Volunteers – Mamre Creche - CatholicCare

Disability Support Workers (Casual) - CatholicCare

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE MARCH EDITION**

Copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine now available in the church foyer. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly 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. Take a copy home before you leave today.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE PROGRAM**

The Life Marriage & Family Office is looking for married couples to volunteer to undertake a free training course for a new program to be launched in the Diocese in late 2020. The Retrouvaille program aims to assist couples struggling in their marriage. An information meeting about the new program will be held on Tuesday 21 April at the Diocesan Ministry Centre, Blacktown from 7pm. For more information, expressions of interest or to RSVP to the information night, please contact Karin Abrams on (02) 8838 3460 or email [lmf@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org)

## **NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES**

Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta offers couples a NATURAL option to plan their families. Natural Family Planning is for couples wanting to achieve & avoid pregnancy. It is suitable for couples at all stages of their life including those preparing for marriage, breastfeeding women, couples looking for an effective, natural option and wanting to cease contraception and peri-menopausal women. For more information or to book an appointment contact Catherine on 0400 427 605, [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au).

## **INSTITUTE FOR MISSION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: MARCH 17**

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on (02) 9296 6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

## **CCD GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PRESENTATIONS: MARCH 20**

Each year, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine offers a series of presentations on the Gospel of the Year as part of Level 3 training of catechists. Dr Laurie Woods will present on the Gospel of Matthew for 5 Fridays starting on 6 March from 10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. There is no cost but please contact Maree Collis on 8838 3486 to register.

## **KELLYVILLE PARISH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS: APRIL 19**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, is celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on 19 April from 1pm. There will be a street procession with the Blessed Sacrament, and Veneration of the Relic of St Faustina. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Monsignor Cezar Echano. Images, banners and statues are welcome. For more information, please contact Steve Boland on 0405 206 695 or the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

## **PILGRIMAGE WITH FR PAUL MARSHALL: 18 SEPTEMBER – 11 OCTOBER**

Fr Paul Marshall, from Greystanes Parish, will be leading a pilgrimage stopping at Fatima, and Lourdes with visits to other sites of notable saints such as Teresa of Avila and Ignatius of Loyola in Spain, Therese of Lisieux and St Vincent de Paul in France, then to Padua, Florence, Assisi (being in Assisi for St Francis' Feast Day on 4 October), Rome and return to Sydney on 11 October. For more information call Harvest 1800 819 156 or [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

## **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.