



# Sunday 22nd of March, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### 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 Phone:** 8846 2700

**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 - **T.B.C.**

**Good Neighbour Group:** Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Next meeting T.B.C.**

#### 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

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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:** Dawn Peat, Mary Magill, Joe Frare, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eric Harland (Cousin of Lorraine Murphy), Michael Heaton (Cousin of Colin Heaton) and Robert Dona.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Laurice Behan, Jim Saad, Timothy Euhus, Karen Euhus, George Evans, Theodore Greuter, Eric Bokeyar, Hector Joseph.

**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.

## COVID-19 Update for the weekend of 21-22 March

Dear Parishioners,

In the light of directive from the Federal Government that non-essential gatherings of people of more than 100 should not take place, and in view of the advice from Bishop Vincent and the Diocesan Curia, for the Parish of North Rocks the following will be in effect for this weekend (21-22 March):

- \* **Sunday Masses will be cancelled** at Christ the King Saturday: 5.30pm, Sunday 8am & 10am
- \* **Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 p2 and Canon 1281), i.e. there is no sin attached to missing Mass on Sunday.**
- \* **Weekday Masses including Saturday morning will continue until further notice.**
- \* **The First Rite of Reconciliation will continue to be offered at Christ the King: Sat 9.30am - 10.00am and 4:30pm - 5pm.**
- \* Communion to the Sick and elderly by acolytes and extraordinary ministers is suspended for fear of transmission of the disease. If Communion is urgently required or the Sacrament of Anointing, please contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Office.

The Church will remain open during most days for those who wish to spend some time in private prayer.

In these difficult times, if you hear of anyone in need of assistance from a priest, the Parish Office or Vinnies, please do not hesitate to contact us. Let us pray that all of us would be strengthened for the task ahead and relying on the intercession of Christ our King, we might persevere in carrying this difficult Cross at this time.

*Fr Ian McGinnity - Parish Priest*

#### 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: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 Next Week's Readings: Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45  
**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)**

**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 Inguin	Isabelle Chacty
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Kinsella <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Jose Jilesh	Margaret Noonan Dexter Tabeta	Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey Anne-Marie Makin	Pauline Chen
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Dyle Sally Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Cate Joseph Gerianne Sadaya	Therese Davies

**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

**28th March / 29th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Roger Hook Paul Rankin	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah	Thea Price
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Colman John Murphy	David Collins	Tony Hughes Rhoda Patrick	Trish Yates	Carmelina Khoo Chris Kinsella	Mike Yates
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy	<b>Musicians Required Please</b>

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** David Collins, Carmelina Khoo, Chris Kinsella, Jim Kinsella

**COUNTER GROUP 3:** Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer

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

**PIETY GROUP 3:** Maria Bietola, Sarah Cook, Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook

## PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE REQUEST

With the current climate, it is now imperative to be able to communicate and disseminate information to our parishioners, up-to-date information as the parish receives it. Our best form of direct communication is via email and our parish website. Can we please request for all parishioners to contact the parish office via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) with their correct email address. Thank you.

If you wish to follow Mass, this weekend, click on the link below to find Mass on Demand live-streamed on YouTube from the Parish of Our Lady of The Way, North Sydney & Lavender Bay.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

## NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN IN CHRIST THE KING PARISH 2020

Sadly, due to the effects of the virus Covid-19, after a meeting with the Parish Sacramental Team, it has been decided to suspend preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist (Holy Communion) that was scheduled to begin on 1 April. In the interest of health and safety this program will be delayed until such time as we believe the danger of infection is minimised. The sacraments of Confirmation and First Reconciliation and the program of preparation for them, will also have to be suspended until such time as we are given advice that the current pandemic is alleviated. We invite parents to continue to pray with their children and recognise their connection to the Church through their baptism as members of the living Body of Christ during this unprecedented situation.



### CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH NEWS

Dearest families and youth,

We think your health and welfare is extremely important and so are taking the next few weeks off to ensure a little social distance and help protect us all from COVID-19. You are all in our continuing prayers. Mr Adam Chioatto - Youth Minister on 0423 077 677 or [ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com](mailto:ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com)

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick from hunger. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.



Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



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

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL - POSTPONED

Following directives from the Diocese of Parramatta, the Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for this coming weekend (21 and 22 March) around the theme of the Good Samaritan, has been postponed until later in the year.

### MEETING THIS WEEK - PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE CANCELLED

This Tuesday 24th of March at 8pm the Parish Liturgy Committee will not be meeting in the presbytery. Another date will be confirmed and members will be notified via email.

## **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.

## **CANCELLED - MT SCHOENSTATT STATIONS OF THE CROSS: APRIL 10**

The Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, on 10 April has been cancelled. For more information, please contact the Centre on (02) 4773 8338, [info@schoenstatt.org](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org) or visit [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.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.