



Sunday 9th August, 2020
NINETEENTH 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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www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms: Each 2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:15am
Weddings: By Appointment
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **Suspended until further notice**
Rosary: **Suspended until further notice**
Children's Liturgy: **Suspended until further notice**
Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Suspended until further notice**

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

ONLINE REGISTRATION before each Friday

5.30pm

<https://northrockscatholicparish.eventbrite.com.au/>

5.30pm Saturday

8am Sunday

10am Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 9am

Parish Address:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

Phone: 9871 8710

Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

Parish Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/>

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral to be confirmed.

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: Lottie Gebhardt, Cyril D'Souza, Ivo Clagnan, Trevor Carey, Pat Gillis, Don Martin.

ANNIVERSARIES: Santina Bietola.

DECEASED: Tony Khalife, Soraya Khalife, Yvonne Boulous, Phillipp Boulous & All Souls.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS
Saturday 8th August

Greg Sunter



Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God. As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come untravelling and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea. A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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 Kgs 19:9.11-13, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33
 Next Week's Readings: Is 56:1.6-7, Rom 11:13-15. 29-32, Mt 15:21-28

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

WELCOME BACK TO OUR MINISTERS OF THE PARISH

With the increase in Mass attendance taking place this weekend, the request for Ministers has recommenced. Those involved will be once again be notified when they are required to assist. Should you be rostered and feel you are not ready to return to Mass, please email the parish office: northrocks@parracatholic.org or ph 9871 8710 or indicate on the roster through Ministry Scheduling, that a volunteer is required. A replacement can then be organised on your behalf. Thank you for your ongoing participation in these important ministries.

8th / 9th August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	Musicians
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola Volunteer	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Reader Required Please	Veronica Chacty	Sue DeCourcy	-
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Reader Required Please	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Chris Kinsella	-
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph	-

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Chris Kinsella, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Barbara Haddad, Margaret Isaac

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Leo & Elizabeth Bautista, Ken Coorey

15th / 16th August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	Musicians
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Volunteer Required Please	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Volunteer Required Please	Gillian Mobbs	-
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Cecilie McCarron	-
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Rob Haddad	Alik Orgun	Gerianne Sadaya	-

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Barbara Haddad, Carol Coorey

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus, Ken Coorey

WEEKDAY MASSES

Parishioners attending all weekday Masses are required to complete their details on the registration form provided in the church foyer.

Wednesday to Saturday Mass at 9:00 am (note Friday Mass starts at 9:15 am)

SUNDAY MASSES

- Saturday 5:30 pm Vigil
- Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Do I need to make a reservation for weekend Mass? Yes ✓

Commencing last Friday, the maximum number of people allowed inside a place of worship is 100 persons per Mass. It is still a NSW government requirement to register all attendees to assist in contact tracing should it be required. Therefore the Eventbrite website will now only allow 100 parishioners to register to attend their chosen Mass. Be sure to reserve your place early to not miss out.

<https://northrockscatholicparish.eventbrite.com.au>

All reservations must be made before Friday 5:30pm.

Ministries have recommenced this week also but some parishioners may not be available this weekend, so volunteers may be required for certain ministries. Please email the parish office: northrocks@parracatholic.org or ph 9871 8710 after reserving a place at your selected Mass, if you are able to assist. Thank you for your patience.

NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant said, "Places of worship will have to find alternatives to practices that might spread the virus like singing, sharing books and even passing around the collection plate to reduce infection risks. Communal singing and chanting should not occur because of the high risk of transmission of the virus." Therefore only pre-recorded music will be provided during Mass

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2020/2021

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020-2021 ready for collection in the church foyer. **There are still quite a few envelopes remaining. Please don't forget to collect yours before leaving today.** Please use your new envelopes to correspond with each Sunday when placing your weekly contribution. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for the upcoming year, or wish to contribute via credit card or direct debit, please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email:

northrocks@parracatholic.org

Thank you for your generous support in assisting the needs of Christ the King Parish.

Offering Envelopes



BAPTISM WELCOME

We congratulate the Hutchison family, John Paul and Gemma with their son Noah. May Noah's baptism this Sunday be a happy and memorable occasion and may God continue to bless him and his parents in this special step to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This is usually a **holy day of obligation** falls this Saturday 15th August. Mass will be celebrated at the usual time of 9am. During this period of COVID-19 though, please be advised Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181.)



RITE OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR ORDINATION AS DEACON

Saturday 22nd August - 5.30pm

John Collins, our trainee Deacon, will be formally admitted to candidacy for the Diaconate on Saturday evening 22nd August by Bishop Vincent at the 5:30pm Mass. Admission to candidacy for ordination as deacon comes about by means of a special liturgical rite, "by which one who aspires to the diaconate publicly manifests his will to offer himself to God and the Church, so that he may exercise sacred orders. The Church, accepting this offering, chooses and calls him to prepare himself to receive a sacred order, and in this way, he is rightly numbered among candidates for the diaconate". Depending upon the numbers we are permitted to have in the church at that time because of COVID19 restrictions (currently 100) parishioners are welcome to book and attend.

SCRIPTURE NIGHT WITH DR LAURIE WOODS

Tuesday 18 August - 7pm

The Institute for Mission is hosting a free online scripture reflection night with Dr Laurie Woods on Tuesday 18 August at 7pm. The livestream will be hosted on the IFM's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ifmconnect. Registration is not required.



NSW Health

ACBC CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING: 15 AUGUST

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be made available from 15 August and will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions. The gathering is free and registration is available from 29 June. Visit www.catholicmengathering.com.au

PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PAPERS RELEASED

You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. The Pastoral Planning Office can accompany you in reflecting on these papers. Please contact pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.

CATHOLICARE IS STILL OPEN AND OPERATIONAL

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email – enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW WAYS

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.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. -

Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the parish, can access the facility on the front page of the Parish website by clicking "Donate Now" on the top right-hand side of the page or donating directly to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks> via Credit Card. Should you wish to make a donation via direct debit, please use the following details:

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000479

Account Name: North Rocks Catholic Church

FIRST COLLECTION:

If you would like to contribute towards the support of the priests, please use the following details:

BSB 067-950

Account No. 00004265

Account Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

Reference Number: 6027

Thank you to everyone in the continual support of the parish and the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta.

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**

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.