



Sunday 16th August, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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

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

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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: Fr Donal Madigan OMI,

Jamilie Joseph, Lottie Gebhardt,

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Goodwin, John Bietola, William Floyd,

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Saturday 15th August

Dianne Bergant CSA

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son. Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles. God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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: Is 56:1.6-7, Rom 11:13-15. 29-32, Mt 15:21-28

Next Week's Readings: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

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 an increase in Mass attendance, the request for Ministers has recommenced.

Those involved will be once again be notified when they are rostered 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.

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

22nd / 23rd August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	Musicians
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Lilia Nuguid	-
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Ken Coorey	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella	-
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Leila Safy	-

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: *Suspended until further notice*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Chris Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Mark & Carmella Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic



Please
**WEAR
A FACE
MASK**
Help stop
the spread
of COVID-19

**CANDIDACY FOR THE DIACONATE
JOHN COLLINS
GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
SR BRENDA KENNEDY**

Congratulations

Next Saturday evening at the 5:30pm Eucharist, at which Bishop Vincent will be the main celebrant, our trainee Deacon John Collins will be formally admitted to candidacy for the Diaconate for the Diocese of Parramatta.

By pure coincidence it is also the Golden Jubilee of parishioner, Sr Brenda Kennedy's CHF, profession as a religious sister. She will also be attending this Mass.

As you are aware we can only have a maximum of 100 people attending this Mass so it is **essential that people register by the Eventbrite system** to attend this Mass. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 regulations we will be unable to celebrate these occasions as we normally would with some refreshments after Mass.

Please pray for John and his future ministry and give thanks to God for the many years of service Sr Brenda has given to Catholic education both here in Australia and in Ireland. She was Principal of Saint Paul the Apostle school, Winston Hills and founding Principal of Holy Family school, Emerton. Since May 2015 Sr Brenda has worked for the CEDP as a home-school liaison minister particularly working with habitual non-attenders. We congratulate her on this significant milestone.

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 9:15am)

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 ✓

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 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.

SATURDAY SESSIONS - 15TH AUGUST Sr Colleen O'Sullivan RSJ

Mary MacKillop – A Reflection for Today

Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am. Listen to presentations about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am – 12pm. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links. <https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwudeCvpisiGTP7mLN2akpCvypGv-IHSPuU>

Sr Colleen invites us to reflect on some of the qualities of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as a saint very relevant for our world today. Like Mary, how are we called to be where we are fully?

SCRIPTURE NIGHT WITH DR LAURIE WOODS: 18 AUGUST

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.

BISHOP VINCENT EDMUND RICE CENTRE WEBINAR: 19 AUGUST

Join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv as he addresses the climate emergency in the Pacific and how Australia should respond during an online webinar on Wednesday 19 August: 6.30 - 8pm. The webinar, hosted by the Edmund Rice Centre, will also feature the former President of Kiribati. Registrations are essential, so please visit <https://www.erc.org.au/events> to receive the link to the webinar.

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

HILLS RELATIONAL GATHERING ON RECONCILIATION: 25 AUGUST - 6.30PM

You are invited to meet with the Hills Sydney Alliance Team as we explore how we can work together towards reconciliation with the Indigenous community in the Hills District. To be held at St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living, Baulkham Hills. Please RSVP name, organisation and email to: ann@stjosephscentre.org.au
This initial gathering will provide an opportunity for representatives of local church congregations and community organisations committed to the common good, to be open and honest with each other, build a relational foundation for this important work, and ensure that when we do meet with local Indigenous leaders, we are able to do so in a reflective and considered way, so as to start from a warm and solid foundation.

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.

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.