



Sunday 23rd August, 2020
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
Year A



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Claudine Nallétamby
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
Youth Coordinator: Adam Chioatto
Mob: 0423 077 677
Email: ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

School Principal: Tony Hughes

School Phone: 8846 2700

School Web Site:

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: Ita Martin, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Joe Frare, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Casey, Mary Lum, Gladys Pitel.

ANNIVERSARIES: -

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.



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 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

Next Week's Readings: Jer 20:7-9, Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

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

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.

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

29th / 30th August - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	Musicians
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Inge Weinker Reader Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Frank Lah	-
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown Chris Kinsella	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Reader Required Please	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham	-
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy Reader Required Please	Volunteer Required	Cecilie McCarron	-

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad, Reyna Mendes

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

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



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DIACONATE CANDIDATE JOHN COLLINS

This Saturday evening, our trainee Deacon John Collins will be formally admitted to candidacy for the Diaconate for the Diocese of Parramatta.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SR BRENDA KENNEDY ON HER GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It is also the Golden Jubilee of parishioner, Sr Brenda Kennedy's CHF, profession as a religious sister. We congratulate you both on reaching this wonderful milestone. Please continue to pray for John and his future ministry and give thanks to God for the many years of service Sr Brenda has given.

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

eventbrite

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.

MEETING THIS WEEK - Parish Pastoral Council

This Wednesday 26th August at 7:30pm, the Parish Pastoral Council will meet via Zoom conference.

An email will be sent shortly to all attendees with meeting link.



POSITION VACANT: MAINTENANCE / GROUNDSPERSON

St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas

We are seeking a skilled on-going full-time Maintenance / Groundsperson who will be responsible to support the other services of the school, including but not limited to cleaning, building and grounds maintenance. Follow the link <https://bit.ly/3kTaUpP> to view full job description and application process.

Applications close this Wednesday, 26th August.

ACU BLACKTOWN CAMPUS OPEN DAY

The Australian Catholic University will be opening a new campus in Blacktown in February 2021.

Virtual Open Days have been scheduled on the following Saturdays - 29 August, 5 September,

12 September. To find out more about the campus and courses log on to openday.acu.edu.au



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

PASTORAL MINISTRY NETWORK WEBINAR: 25 AUGUST 2020

The Pastoral Ministry Network, formerly NAPPA, is hosting an online national webinar 'Knowing the community whom we are called to serve' on Tuesday 25 August from 11am to 12pm. The webinar hopes to draw on the Parish Social Profiles in dialogue with community leaders to answer questions about our mission to share the Good News in a local context. To register, visit https://bit.ly/nationalwebinar_reg

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.

ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

CATHOLICCARE 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.