



Sunday 13th September, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH 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

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John Langtry, Barney Sullivan, Sylvette Marsh.

ANNIVERSARIES: Craig Pearce,

DECEASED: Rodney Jayatilaka, Prem Narang, Victoria Castaneda, Raymond Wehbe, Beniamino Cutrone, Jimmy Cutrone, Carmelina Cutrone, Guiseppina Cutrone, George Cutrone Jr & All Souls.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY?

This week, we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will, visit

www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

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: Sir 27:30 – 28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

Next Week's Readings: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24, 27, Mt 20:1-16

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.

12th / 13th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Roger Hook Volunteer Required Please	Peter Hrast	Gerard Sadaya Sue Veling	Volunteer Required Please	Diane Campbell	Volunteer Required Please
Sunday 8am	John Colman Chris Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Carmelita Khoo Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	John Lacey	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Jim Kinsella	Sam Safy Stephen Doyle	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

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

19th / 20th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola Volunteer Required Please	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty Inge Weinker	Veronica Chacty	Sue DeCourcy	Volunteer Required Please
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Reader Required Please	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Gerianne Sadaya	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Carmelita Khoo, Jim Kinsella, **Minister Required Please**

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Gillian Mobbs, Lanny Carter

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

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



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

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.

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to Fr Ian and the parishioners of Christ the King for your acknowledgement of my Golden Jubilee a couple of weeks ago and the gift of a beautiful bouquet of flowers. I have been very blessed to have met so many wonderful people on my journey who have given me so much and have helped me to this point in my life.

May you each be blessed and please accept my thanks again at this special time in my life - *Sr Brenda Kennedy*

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2020

Due to the extraordinary situation of the coronavirus we have had to postpone the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation until next year. Normally, the process of initiation for children into the parish Catholic community of the faithful is celebrated in three sacramental moments: Baptism, first reception of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a prerequisite for First Eucharist (for children in Year 3 and above) and will begin with a **Parent Information Evening to be held this year via Zoom (for safety reasons) this Wednesday, 16th September, commencing at 7.30pm.** The enrolment procedure, along with the program, will be explained and any questions answered at this meeting. All children (whether they attend Catholic or State schools) in our parish, prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above), First Eucharist (Year 4 and above) and Confirmation (Year 5/6 and above) in a program that is parish based (not school based) and family centred. We want to assist you, as the first and best teachers of your children, to continue your commitment made at your child's baptism to bring them up in the practice of their faith. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is important for parents/guardians to participate in this Zoom meeting. Children are not required for this initial Zoom meeting. If you wish to participate in this Zoom meeting please contact the parish office via email northrocks@parracatholic.org prior to the 15th of September to receive the link for this Zoom gathering.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG APPEAL

With the success of the recent JRS food drive, a large amount of reusable shopping bags is also needed. Unfortunately due to COVID, we cannot accept reuse these bags, so a shortage is being experienced. We are requesting if parishioners could donate any of these reusable shopping bags, available from Aldi, Coles and Woolworths and leave these at the back of the church. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION 2020

The current COVID-19 pandemic concerns many countries and in many of them preventive measures preclude the normal community celebration of Holy Week. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest. For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place this Sunday, 13 September, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. May it be a sign of hope and salvation after the Passion to which many peoples are now associated, as well as solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the Land where "it all began". **A designated bucket for this collection will be available for donations in the church foyer for parishioners to utilise before and after Mass.** Thank you for your generosity and support.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER EDITION

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine 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.

WELCOME TO THE WELL

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – The Well. In what can be described as ‘Netflix for Catholics’, The Well is a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

PASTORAL PLANNING PLENARY COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS: 12 – 24 SEPTEMBER

You are invited to join with others online to be informed about the next steps for the Plenary Council 2020. You will experience how to use a simple guide to animate your local community to engage with the Thematic Writing Papers, and to develop Good News Stories in the spirit of Plenary. Please register for one of the following sessions:

- * Saturday 12 September at 2.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary12september1430>
- * Monday 14 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary14september>
- * Saturday 19 September at 2.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary19september>
- * Monday 21 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary21september>
- * Thursday 24 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary24september>

PARISH OF BAULKHAM HILLS ADULT CATECHESIS: 14 SEPTEMBER

The Parish of Baulkham Hills is conducting a series of catechesis for teenagers and adults every Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm from 14 September for eight weeks. Sessions will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, Baulkham Hills and are free. For more information, please contact Lucas Neira on 0428 831 256 or the parish office on 9639 8385.

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.bpoin.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.



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9 September 2020

Dear Friends,

Re: Draft New Curriculum

Following my letter to you on 28 August 2020, I write to update you on the Draft New Curriculum that is in development through Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

The important things to note about this curriculum are:

- The curriculum is still in draft form, consultation is continuing;
- The curriculum completely adheres to the Catholic faith; and
- The curriculum does not teach gender theory or gender studies or associated material.

I wish to reiterate that this curriculum does not teach students anything that is contrary to the Catholic faith. The curriculum review process is not complete, and the document is still in draft form. We are currently in draft one of a four draft process.

We, in the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, take the trust you have placed in us to educate your children extremely seriously. We would never teach anything contrary to Catholic Scripture and Tradition.

The final version of the curriculum will only be implemented once the review and consultation process is complete. If changes need to be made, we will ensure this happens.

Media Commentary

Some of the commentary we have seen in the media (print media, social media, television) on this topic is wrong and misleading.

Most public commentators have not sought clarification from the Diocese of Parramatta about this curriculum and instead have relied on secondary sources for their information.

I understand your fear and anger based on these reports. It is your right to be concerned with these reports, if they were true. Yet, they are not.

I wish to be clear and direct on this point. There is no truth to reports that we are developing a curriculum that goes against the Catholic faith.

It's nowhere to be found in the curriculum, and completely untrue to say this curriculum teaches gender theory or gender studies or associated material. That is just wrong.

Without any shadow of a doubt there is nothing in the curriculum, specifically the 'Essential Content' component that is not Catholic.

A lot of confusion, as appearing on social media, rests on the 'Inquiry Questions' of the curriculum. To clarify, these questions are not necessarily taught.



It is important to note these questions were derived from our students, who raised thousands of questions during our seven-year survey and consultation process.

The 'Inquiry Questions' are not, as has wrongly been claimed, the content of the curriculum. They are questions that might arise and that will be critiqued through a Catholic perspective.

Put another way, students will learn the Catholic response to these questions, if and when they arise in a class.

I again point you to the vast resources developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on this curriculum. Their website contains podcasts, videos, and discussions on the new curriculum. Please visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au for more information.

Any questions can also be directed to a dedicated email address we have established to help address your concerns feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Christopher de Souza

Vicar General

Episcopal Vicar for Education

