



Sunday 4th October September, 2020
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
Year A



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
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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: Ken Abood, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Joe Frare, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Khalil Khoury (Father of Julie Hekeik), Elizabeth Khoury.

ANNIVERSARIES: Annabelle Snaith, Sylvette Marsh, Joan Flanagan.

DECEASED: Letty Yberra, Raymond Wehbe & All Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43
 Next Week's Readings: Is 25:6-10, Phil 4:12-14. 19-20, Mt 22:1-14

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

TO OUR MINISTERS OF THE PARISH

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.

3rd / 4th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola Volunteer Required Please	Acolyte Required Please	Sue Veling Inge Weinker	Veronica Chacty	Cecilie McCarron	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	John Colman Chris Kinsella	Jose Jilesh	Tony Hughes Reader Required Please	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jose Jilesh, Carmelita Khoo, Anne-Marie Makin, **Minister Required Please**

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

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

10th / 11th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Inge Weinker Reader Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Gerianne Sadaya	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	John Colman John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Stephen Doyle	Alik Orgun	Jim Kinsella	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham, **Minister Required Please**

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Barbara Haddad, Margaret Isaac

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

To remain compliant, those who register on the sign-in sheet, please ensure individual (not family) names and contact numbers are recorded.

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.

The Eventbrite website is now to open to register for Mass attendance in October 2020.

Be sure to reserve your place.

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

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

Congratulations

* We congratulate Lance and Delma Parker on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Felicitations on reaching 50 years of marriage.

* We also congratulate Lisa Hoban and Andy Garcia who begin their journey of marriage, celebrating their wedding here at Christ the King Parish this weekend. Felicitations on the commencement of many happy years of marriage.



CHRIST THE KING SQUIRES YOUTH GROUP

Term 4 will be kicking off on **Friday October 16th** where students in Year 5 and above will be invited to join Squires. All are very welcome every Friday during the school term 7:30 - 9pm in the Mary MacKillop Hall. For more youth news and updates, contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

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 - JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**

HAZARD REDUCTION - THIS TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER SEVILLE RESERVE, NORTH ROCKS

City of Parramatta wishes to advise residents that subject to suitable weather conditions, Fire & Rescue NSW are intending to conduct a hazard reduction burn at: **Seville Reserve, North Rocks**. Weather conditions permitting, the planned burn will be conducted on: Tuesday 6th October 2020 between the times of 9:30am and 5.30pm. As the prescribed burn will generate smoke, hot embers and heat, it is important that you consider undertaking the following actions:

- Keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering buildings
- Outdoor items such as outdoor furniture etc., should be either taken inside or covered. Where this is not practical, items should be hosed down regularly to prevent ember damage
- Retract plastic or synthetic pool covers to prevent ember damage
- Remove washing from clothes lines
- Ensure any outdoor pets have a sheltered area
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities. If smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice
- If you are driving a vehicle, slow down, keep windows up and turn headlights on
- For your safety and to aid post fire restoration, residents adjoining the treatment area are requested to remain away from and not enter the burnt ground.

If you would like any further information, please contact the Fire & Rescue NSW prescribed burn planner for this hazard reduction, Peter Morrison, on 0419 868 410. For more information please consult the current State Hazard Reduction Advisory by visiting www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/hr.

IT'S JOHN'S TIME TO LIVE OUT HIS MINISTRY -

Mary Brazell

Throughout his whole career, Dr John Collins has been accompanying people in ministry – whether it be married couples, those suffering loss, seminarians and even priests. With a strong theological background, John's calling to the permanent diaconate continues his philosophy of putting theory into practice and faith into action. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) details the diaconate as “fulfilling a key role in the ministry of the Church, and is an essential part of its structure.” The permanent diaconate was restored as a permanent order within the Church following Vatican II, as a ministry of service in the midst of the deacon's ministry of word, liturgy and charity. A deacon is ordained by the bishop. Once ordained, he is permanently and publicly configured to Christ the Servant and shares in the pastoral responsibility of the Bishop to care for all the people in the diocese. A deacon will do so in partnership with priests. “I've done quite a bit of practical work in adult faith formation, diocesan renewal, evangelisation, relationship education, grief education, parenting, and training of clergy, which, in a way, I bring to the diaconate,” John told Catholic Outlook. John was admitted to candidacy to the permanent diaconate by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, during Mass at Christ the King Parish, North Rocks, on 22 August. As a candidate, John has completed the necessary formation required to be formally ordained. John has a PhD in Theology, and currently ministers to seminarians preparing for the priesthood at the Catholic Institute of Sydney in Strathfield. “My vocation is as a theologian,” he said. John previously worked for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in their National Office for Evangelisation – Catholic Enquiry Centre from 2007 to 2015. Before that, he was at Centacare (now known as CatholicCare) in the Archdiocese of Sydney. John began his diaconate formation in the Archdiocese of Sydney, but then transferred to the Diocese of Parramatta. “As a young man, I spent some time in the seminary, so I had this desire to serve in some way, but not as a priest. Priesthood wasn't for me,” John explained. “As a deacon, I hope to offer opportunities for people to grow and develop. “The task isn't to prepare people for heaven, so to speak, our task is to bring heaven to Earth. “In a way, much of what I have been doing has been diaconal work. Ordination will bring this work much closer connected with the altar – the connection between this practical service becomes concretely and symbolically connected with the Eucharistic celebration,” he said. Serving his pastoral placement at Christ the King Parish, North Rocks for two-and-a-half years, John has been involved with youth ministry, St Vincent de Paul Society, liturgical committees, pastoral council, and was a facilitator in the parish for the Plenary Council 2020 Listening and Discernment phase.



IT'S A PARTNERSHIP

“We're both committed to church ministry, that's the reality of our lives,” John's wife of 31 years, Dr Sandra Carroll said. “I've been really happy with the program [in the Diocese of Parramatta], and I think John has too. “The wives of the deacons in Parramatta feel very supported and very included in the formation program. “I especially enjoy the weekends away together, as a community, where you really get to know people. The community has been important in terms of ongoing support, knowing that once John is ordained, there's a sense of 'you're not doing this alone.' “We're very grateful to Fr Ian McGinnity [parish priest at Christ the King]. He's been fantastic, very supportive, very welcoming,” Sandra said. John and Sandra met whilst completing their Masters in Theology at the University of Sydney, and were married a year later. Sandra, now retired, was a lecturer in Religious Education at the Australian Catholic University for 32 years. She explained that she is ready to back up the next step in John's ministry. “[When we were married], I had the job at ACU, so John resigned from his job and looked after the boys, while I kept working. “He's been incredibly supportive of me all those years, so I feel that it's his turn now. “This is something he's wanted to do from when we first married,” she said.

ADVICE TO OTHERS CONSIDERING THE DIACONATE

John's advice to married men interested in becoming a deacon is to maintain a balance between their vocation of marriage and family life and that of the diaconate. “We want 40-year-olds ordained as deacons, so join the program when you're 35,” John laughed. “Take care of your kids, keep your career going, be a deacon in the world that you are in and that you are doing that diaconate work in that context. “You can be doing work in your parish, but make sure your primary task is your first vocation – your marriage. “We need to make sure to guard that primary sacrament of marriage and family and as a married and family person, you do your ministry – it's not something in the road,” he explained. Sandra added, “There is no one way to be a deacon's wife – there's the way that you choose in your marriage relationship to support your husband, there's what works for you and your family.”

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.