



# Sunday 6th December, 2020

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Year B



**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  
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**School Principal:** Tony Hughes

**School Phone:** 8846 2700

**School Web Site:**

[www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://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](mailto: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, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Janet Sullivan and Abraham Concepcion.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joe Frare (*Funeral @ CTK Church - Fri 11.12.2020: 10.30am*)

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**DECEASED:** All Holy Souls.

## REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

## CATECHISTS NEEDED

Planning for Scripture classes for 2021 is underway. We teach at two schools – North Rocks Public School (Tuesdays) and Carlingford West (Wednesdays). We are

currently looking for volunteers to help us as either teachers or assistants. Initial training is provided by the Parish Coordinator and this is followed up by either face to face courses run throughout the year by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or a mixture of online and face to face courses. If you are interested in being part of this rewarding ministry, please contact Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332 or the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) Thank you.



#### 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 40:1-5. 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8  
 Next Week's Readings: Is 61:1-2. 10-11, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://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](mailto: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.

#### 5th & 6th December - Second Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	<b>Reader Required Please</b> Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Christine Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Bev Johnson Dexter Tabeta	Trish Yates	John Lacey	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Leila Safy	Roseanne Vaughan

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice**

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, John Lacey, **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 2:** Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Helena Roumanos

#### 12th & 13th December - Third Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Inge Weinker	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Sue DeCourcy	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Acolyte Required Please</b>	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Sarah Cook	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Marea Mooney	Roseanne Vaughan

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice**

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Chris Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin, Lorraine Murphy, **Volunteer Required Please**

**COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

**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

## 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 ✓**  
**From this Monday, the maximum number of people allowed inside our place of worship will be**  
**240 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 DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020.***

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

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



## CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

**Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th December - 5:30pm, 7pm (extra Mass) & 9pm**

**Christmas Day: Friday 25th December - 8am & 10am**

Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 19th December, Wednesday 23rd December & Thursday 24th December 9.30am - 10am

**With a maximum of 240 persons per Mass, registration via Eventbrite, to all Christmas Masses is strongly recommended to avoid missing out on attending.**

With the confirmation of Christmas Mass times and to remain compliant, **we require a minimum of 2 COVID19 safety wardens to be present at each Mass.** Should you be able to assist, please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) Thank you.

## CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE SUMMER 2020/21 EDITION

Take home your free copy of the Catholic Outlook Magazine located in the church foyer.

This last edition for 2020, features our own parish, Christ the King. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and have a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.



*Thank You*

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH CATECHISM 2020

As in every other aspect of life in 2020, the teaching of Scripture in our local State Schools was affected. We started the year well in both schools, Carlingford West and North Rocks, but within a few weeks, we were unable to continue face to face teaching in the schools. This continued until the beginning of Term 3. However, during this time, parents of students in our state schools were able to access information on-line prepared by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). We returned to face to face classes in Term 3 with a diminished number of teachers due to health considerations and changes to family, University and work commitments. Many thanks to those who were able to return and who took on the extra challenges of mask wearing in the classroom, limited access to IT and changes to school protocols and especially the challenge of covering the course in such a limited time. Special thanks go to Rob Haddad and Debbie Corpus who each took on additional classes so that every class in the two schools had a teacher. Each year the CCD celebrates those who have achieved milestones in their role as catechists. These were put on hold this year but we hope that we will be able to celebrate them at our Deanery and Diocesan Masses in 2021. Cate Joseph was to have received a Papal Blessing after having been a Catechist for 20 years! Congratulations, Cate. We look forward to celebrating with you in 2021. It was with great sadness, that we received the news that Diane Campbell was retiring after more than 40 years as a Catechist and many years as the Sacramental Coordinator. Thank you, Diane, for your commitment and inspiration to many. Thank you to all of those who have given their time so graciously this year. We look forward to meeting again next year. *Terri Hirschhorn: Catechist Coordinator*

## DO YOU KNOW THE WORDS TO "SILENT NIGHT" AND BE PREPARED TO VIDEO YOURSELF SINGING IT? FANTASTIC!

Video yourself singing with your little ones, your loved ones, perhaps your pets ... puppets... or with candles or your Christmas tree... Once complete, send the video ASAP via WhatsApp to Mike Yates on 0423 475 449. All the videos collected will be montaged and shown during the Christmas Masses. For more information contact Mike: [mike.y@inet.net.au](mailto:mike.y@inet.net.au)



## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

Sacramental Coordinator – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes – Applications close Thursday 10 December  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **PLENARY COUNCIL REFLECTION AND ACTION SESSION: 9 DECEMBER**

You are invited to attend the Reignite the Flame of Plenary Council Reflection & Action Session on Wednesday 9 December from 7pm to 8.30pm via ZOOM. Some of the Diocese's Plenary Council delegates will share on the 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform' theme and will share some good news stories happening around this theme in our diocese. To register, visit [https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEsce2uqj8sHtIE71B1MKXI\\_PqfNolbUS\\_e](https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEsce2uqj8sHtIE71B1MKXI_PqfNolbUS_e)

## **REACHING BEYOND 2020**

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://PalmsAustralia.com) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment See [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## **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](http://www.thewell.org.au)

## **BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people like Sharen, Dale and baby Jackson the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## **CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES**

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.