



# Sunday 13th December, 2020

## THIRD 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  
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Email: [ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com](mailto:ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com)

**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, Yvonne Mitchell, Fr Maurie Sullivan, Michael Cesarini,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kevin Gately, Roger Snaith, Neil O'Hara, Peter Craft.

**DECEASED:** All Holy Souls.

## REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Traditionally, the third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Joy. The joy of this Sunday comes both from the message of the readings and from the anticipation that Christmas is nearing. As described in the Isaian passage, the Messiah is the one imbued with the spirit and with the power of the prophet, the one who will fulfill the promises of God. It becomes obvious in the Gospel that the Messiah is the one proclaimed by the Baptist. John cleared a path for the coming of the anointed one, and from that time on the lives of believers have been the pathway through which the Messiah has entered the world.



## DO YOU KNOW THE CHRISTMAS CAROL

“SILENT NIGHT”?

**WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO VIDEO YOURSELF SINGING IT? EXCELLENT!**

Video yourself singing with your little ones, your loved ones, perhaps your pets ... puppets... or with candles or your Christmas tree...

\* Be sure to be wearing something bright and evoking the Christmas spirit.

\* Record yourself listening through earplugs and singing to the best of your ability. (Please ensure the only audio recorded is you singing)

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@iinet.net.au](mailto:mike.y@iinet.net.au)

## 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 61:1-2. 10-11, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

Next Week's Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

**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.

### 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>	Jim Kinsella	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 Sam Safy	<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

### 19th & 20th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	<b>Acolyte Required Please</b>	Bev Johnson Carmelita Khoo	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Cate Joseph	Roseanne Vaughan

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Mario Azzopardi, Ken Coorey, John Lacey, **Volunteer Required Please**

**COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus, 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 ✓**  
**The maximum number of people allowed inside our place of worship is**  
**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 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

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

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

**[Register here for Christmas Eve Masses](#)**

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

**[Register here for Christmas Day Masses](#)**

Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year, St Vincent de Paul will be conducting its annual Christmas Appeal at all the Christmas Masses. There will be three ways you can contribute.

1. If you do not require a Tax Receipt, just drop some cash into the bucket after Mass.
2. If you require a Tax Receipt, you can complete the credit / debit card details or place cash in the envelopes provided.
3. You can donate online at: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/north-rocks-conference-christmas-appeal-2020> A tax receipt will be emailed directly to you.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU TICK ON THIS PAGE THE "ANONYMOUS" BOX, IF YOU WISH YOUR DETAILS TO REMAIN PRIVATE.**

*We wish to thank all the parishioners of Christ the King, who contribute to our appeals, as these funds really help to make a difference in the lives of the very needy in our community.*



## 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 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.

## 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.

## 2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR - ONLY \$10

The Columban Art Calendar is a beautiful, iconic Catholic Calendar and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2021 marks the 99th edition. Great idea for an early Christmas gift. Calendars available in church foyer.

Please complete calendar envelope and place in parish communications box. Thank you.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES**

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on the Diocese of Parramatta website ([www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)), on Catholic Outlook ([www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)) and on our Diocesan social media channels. Merry Christmas from the Diocese of Parramatta!

## **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](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or JRS [amelia.savage@irs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@irs.org.au)

## **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.