



Sunday 20th December, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
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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: 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: Miriam Day, Bruno Rangger, Joe Frare, Yvonne Mitchell, Fr Maurice Sullivan.

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

DECEASED: All Holy Souls.

REFLECTION - Dianne Bergant CSA

The world in which we live and the events of which we are a part are the stage upon which the drama of salvation is enacted. God works through real flesh and blood people, those like David, who occupy the seats of power and influence as well as those like Mary and us, who are unseen and unknown. All can be agents of salvation. God's future is in our hands. Human history is really the history of salvation. Each turn of God's revealing causes us to wonder at what might come next. In this tension, mystery is revealed. What was hidden is now made known. Jesus establishes a people of covenant promise. Still, the mystery is unknown, for it continues to come to us from the future, revealing more and more of itself in the junctures of history.

The waiting of Advent is over. In the face of the impossible, God works the possible. During Advent, we have been waiting for the realisation of the promise made to David. We have been waiting for Mary's yes. With this yes, hope is enlivened, and history is changed. There is an unimaginable future for all people, a future that comes from God. Salvation is created among us, and the fate of history is altered by a godly presence. This salvation resides in the hearts of those who believe in the gift, and who stay awake eagerly to know its coming. With David we await it, with the nations we long for it, with Mary we behold it.

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@inet.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: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

Next Week's Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40

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.

19th & 20th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

26th & 27th December - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Aubon Fernando	Zeina Chacty Reader Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	John Murphy Volunteer Required Please	Peter Bosci	Carmelita Khoo Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Cecilie McCarron	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	Leila Safy	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Chris Kinsella, Jim 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 & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Marian Tomasovic



Please
**WEAR
A FACE
MASK**

Helping
to spread
COVID-19

**You can sing if you wear a
facemask!**

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
CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020 & JANUARY 2021.*

<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, to guarantee a seat, registration via Eventbrite is necessary, to all Christmas Masses, otherwise there will be "NO ROOM AT THE INN".

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th December - 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:

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



We require a minimum of 2 COVID19 safety wardens to be present at the 5:30pm, 7pm, 8am & 10am Masses. Should you be able to assist,

please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email:

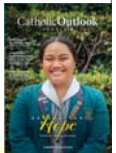
northrocks@parracatholic.org Thank you.

COUNTERS REQUIRED

We are requesting for anyone who may have some time to spare this Saturday 26th December morning after the 9am Mass, to assist with counting. Should you be able to assist, come to the Presbytery around 10am. 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 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.



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.

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), on Catholic Outlook (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 or JRS amelia.savage@irs.org.au

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP 2021 LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in 2021 in early February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar at your parish. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org

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

THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE 2021

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. From 2 – 9 January, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and spend time in prayer and fellowship. Limited overnight registrations are available, and day walkers are welcome. For more information and to register, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

POSITIONS VACANT: SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR (PART-TIME)

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown – Applications close Monday 21 December. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.