



# Sunday 27th December, 2020

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR B



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
**Trainee Deacon:** John Collins  
**Parish Secretary:** Claudine Nallétamby  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm  
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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:** Miriam Day, Bruno Rangger, Joe Frare, Yvonne Mitchell, Fr Maurie Sullivan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Graham, Kevin Gately, Roger Snaith, Neil O'Hara.

**DECEASED:** All Holy Souls.

## REFLECTION - Dianne Bergant CSA

In an era when so much talk is devoted to the discussion of family values, the readings for this feast offer significant challenge. Those who believe in Christ, while still adhering to certain cultural codes of conduct, are asked to consider new and ever more balanced ways of relating. In view of their lives as Christians, parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters must all be embraced as equal members of the household of God.

While it is important that children of all ages honour their parents, the caring relationship of adult children for aging parents is vital in a time of mobility, nursing homes, and the lack of extended families. From God's perspective, loving care of aged members is non-negotiable. It is a family virtue that is to be kept sacred.

Wisdom comes with time and experience. Such wisdom is a source of blessing, for it provides insight and a perspective that allows the community to know the mystery and the presence of God. When the wisdom of the elderly is respected, the young are enriched by the stories of the past. Wisdom figures can point the community to places where God is working and where the divine can be found. It is their respect for tradition that allows the elderly to speak the prophetic words that can change the course of the future and inspire noble deeds of courage in the face of great pain. In reverencing the elderly and their wisdom, the community of believers receive Christ.



### 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 3:2-6. 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40

Next Week's Readings: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3. 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

**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.

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

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

### 2nd & 3rd January - The Epiphany of the Lord

|                        | Welcomer  | Acolyte         | Reader                       | Computer Operator                | One Eucharistic Minister Required | COVID Safety Warden  |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday 5.30pm</b> | George Germanos<br>Roger Hook                   | Keith<br>Henson | Kerry Saad<br>Inge Wienker   | Veronica<br>Chacty               | Gillian Mobbs                     | Sam Bietola<br>George Germanos<br>Roger Hook               |
| <b>Sunday 8am</b>      | John Murphy<br><b>Volunteer Required Please</b> | Ken<br>Coorey   | Julie Elliott<br>Tony Hughes | Trish Yates                      | Carmelita Khoo                    | Brian Euhus<br>Chris & Jim Kinsella<br>John & Linda Murphy |
| <b>Sunday 10am</b>     | Peter Elchaar<br>Graeme Gardiner                | Peter<br>Hrast  | Anne Gately<br>Jennie Mater  | <b>Volunteer Required Please</b> | Margaret<br>Coakley               | 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 8:** Nat Bertie

**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

## 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**

**120 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 JANUARY 2021.*

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

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

### TAP TO GIVE

Dear Parishioners,

More than ever, Christ the King Parish, is needed to bring love, hope, care and Christ's message of salvation into our community. Our Parish now has a Tap to Give device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

Our Tap to Give device, located in the Church Foyer, enables us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Safe and easy,

Tap to Give allows people to give an offertory gift of support, without anyone needing to handle cash. Our Tap to Give device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10. If you wish to give more, please tap the device multiple times to increase your giving. Your gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our Parish and ensure we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope to our community.

To enable us to plan and budget for our Parish ministries, special projects and daily operational expenses, we encourage you and the adult members of your family to also consider joining our planned giving program. You may contribute by direct debit or credit card (our preferred methods). For further information, please contact the parish office via email: [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

Thank you for your ongoing faithful support to our Parish which helps bring love, hope, care and Jesus Christ's message of salvation to our Parish. We are ever grateful for your faithful support. We wish you and your loved ones a happy, Holy Christmas and filled with God's love and grace. With gratitude, Fr Ian.



### 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. Calendars available in church foyer.

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



## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

Parish Secretary: Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath: Applications close 15 January 2021. More at details: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE**

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

## **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@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org).

## **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.