



# Sunday 3rd January 2021

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### 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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**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:** Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Sister Mary d'Apice RSCJ AM, Br Kevin Guthrie MSC.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Graham

## REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with 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: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3. 5-6, Mt 2:1-12  
 Next Week's Readings: Is 42:1-4. 6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Mk 1:7-11

**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.

#### 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 Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Margaret 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**

#### 9th & 10th January - The Baptism of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	John DeCourcy Dawn Peat	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Nesli Nuguid	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	<b>Welcomers Required Please</b>	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	<b>Acolyte Required Please</b>	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Cate Joseph	Roseanne Vaughan

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Chris Kinsella, Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy**

**COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan**

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group 1, Julie Bechara**



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 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.**

## TAP TO GIVE

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 and 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. The Tap and Give device has been set with an 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 information, please contact the parish office by 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.

## PLEASE CONSIDER?

An invitation is extended to parishioners over the age of 18 to seriously consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council which assists the parish priest in administering the Parish. Our current Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some members have resigned due to other commitments and others have been on the Council for a significant period of time.

The Parish also requires two representatives from the Parish to sit on the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council to similarly assist the Dean in the pastoral care and unity of the Northern Deanery.

Father Ian is also seeking new members for the Parish Finance Committee to renew and replace existing members.

These are important ministries in our local Church so we ask all parishioners to reflect honestly on whether they can be of service to the Church in any of these roles to help build up the Body of Christ and to participate in decision-making.

Anyone wishing to offer themselves for any of these positions or for further information can contact us via email [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone the parish office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

## 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.*

**2021 Happy new year**

## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

Parish Secretary: Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath: Applications close 15 January 2021. More details at [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).

## **RCIA: EXPLORING THE SCRUTINIES WORKSHOP**

The Office For Worship will be running an RCIA workshop on the Scrutinies for RCIA coordinators and teams on the evening of Wednesday 10 February at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown (IFM). If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

## **DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE**

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay has Office space for lease in the Caroline Chisholm Centre in Pennant Hills. If your organisation is looking for a competitive price on Office Rental accommodation, please call Phil Greenwood on 8379 1671 or email [Philip.greenwood@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Philip.greenwood@bbcatholic.org.au) for more information.

## **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.