



Sunday 24th January, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
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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, Abraham Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Sylvette Marsh, Stephen Wong, Stefano Paglia, Pio Paglia, Marie Cary, Leslie Carey
DECEASED: Paglia Family Members, Biorci Family Members, Margherita Family Members, Colin Brown & All Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who brings the good news, but who receives it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.



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: Jon 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20

Next Week's Readings: Dt 18:15-20, 1 Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28

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.

23rd / 24th January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Inge Weinker	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Welcomers Required Please	Jim Kinsella	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	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 2: Gillian Mobbs, Lanny Carter

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

30th / 31st January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad Reader Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Nesli Nuguid	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown Welcomer Required Please	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Volunteer Required Please	Marea Mooney	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, 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 a place of worship is
100 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 JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021.
Be sure to reserve your place.*

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

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

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS - TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 9AM

Our parish community will celebrate Mass on Tuesday 26 January at 9am to mark our national day. The marking of 26 January is an important date in Australia's history and has changed over time - starting a celebration for emancipated convicts and evolving into what is now a celebration of Australia that reflects the nation's diverse people. The date has long been a difficult symbol for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who see it as a day of sorrow and mourning. We encourage our everyone to attend, to express our gratitude for the many gifts which have come to us and this ancient land. For a deeper appreciation of what we have today, not in financial terms but rather what this vast country offers us. It is time to pray for a new wave of grace, so the light of Christ may burn brightly. By being better attuned to the Holy Spirit, there is hope that our Church may be transformed, our relationships healed and our nation grow in compassion, justice and a commitment to a better society for all.

REPAIRS TO ELECTRIC GATE TRACK

The driveway and track for the automatic gates on the exit side recently underwent necessary repairs. This involved the removal of existing track and re-concreting. The entrance drive to the property is currently still divided with witches' hats and traffic while still flowing one way and will continue to exit from that driveway with the bollards removed. Please be cautious whilst driving into the property at this time. This process should be fully completed by this Monday.

CALLING OUT FOR NEW MEMBERS - Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee

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

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. 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 or ph parish office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY 2021 ENROLMENTS

Families wishing to enrol in Years K - 6 2021 are still available. For information on the enrolment process, please visit: northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au or contact Mr Hughes: 0432 056 959 for more information or to organise a tour.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2021

The season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday 17 February and concludes on Easter Sunday 4 April. It is a time for spiritual renewal, repentance and reflection. For many years now our parish has fostered this renewal through small groups gathering to reflect on the scriptures and to share their faith with one another. This Lenten program includes short reflections, Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers & questions. This program is also perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group. If you wish to form a group or join a group, please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org.

CLEANER REQUIRED

We require the assistance of any parishioner who may be able to assist voluntarily with the cleaning of the Church on Saturday 30 January & 13 February. Please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via northrocks@parracatholic.org if you can assist or should you require any further information. Thank you.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Parish Secretary – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains and Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath – Applications close 12 February 2021 More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

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

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 JRSamelia.savage@irs.org.au

ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS: 4 FEBRUARY

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 4 February at St Patrick’s Cathedral at 7pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing events@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to (02) 8839 8411 by Friday 29 January.

TAP TO GIVE

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. Our Tap to Give device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10.

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.