



**Sunday 31st January, 2021**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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  
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**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, Abraham Concepcion.  
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bishop Luc Matthys, Archbishop Phillip Wilson, Chris Williams, Peter Hill.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Annie Lum, Marguerite Wong, Sylvette Marsh, Stephen Wong, Antony Abdallah, Angelina Abdallah, Sienna Abdallah, Veronique Sakr, Stefano Paglia, Pio Paglia, Marie Cary, Leslie Carey, Hugh Snaith.  
**DECEASED:** Paglia Family Members, Biordi Family Members, Margherita Family Members, Colin Brown & All Souls.

## REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.



## 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: Dt 18:15-20, 1 Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28  
 Next Week's Readings: Jb 7:1-4. 6-7, 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23, Mk 1:29-39

**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.

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

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

#### 6th / 7th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                        | Welcomer                                       | Acolyte        | Reader   | Computer Operator                | One Eucharistic Minister Required | COVID Safety Warden                          |
|------------------------|--|----------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday 5.30pm</b> | Sam Bietola<br>Roger Hook                      | Lance Parker   | Dexter Tabeta<br><b>Reader Required Please</b> | Veronica Chacty                  | Sue DeCourcy                      | Sam Bietola<br>George Germanos<br>Roger Hook |
| <b>Sunday 8am</b>      | John Murphy<br><b>Welcomer Required Please</b> | Peter Bosci    | Danielle Dona<br>Bev Johnson                   | <b>Volunteer Required Please</b> | Jim Kinsella                      | Chris & Jim Kinsella<br>John & Linda Murphy  |
| <b>Sunday 10am</b>     | Michael Nasr<br>Michael Ng                     | Aubon Fernando | Stephen Doyle<br>Dawn Peat                     | <b>Volunteer Required Please</b> | Cate Joseph                       | Roseanne Vaughan                             |

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Chris Kinsella, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey

**COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4:** Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Mark & Carmella Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic



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**

**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 FEBRUARY 2021.  
Be sure to reserve your place.*

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

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

### CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH NEWS

Come along to Squires to find out more about different topics and what our challenges are. Mark these dates in your schedules and join in every Friday evening in Mary MacKillop Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

For all youth news and updates on upcoming events, find us on Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth

For more information, please contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or [ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com](mailto:ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org).

| DATE         | TOPIC                |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Fri 5th Feb  | I believe We believe |
| Fri 12th Feb | God Is LOVE          |
| Fri 19th Feb | Does it matter?      |
| Fri 26th Feb | CSI                  |
| Fri 5th Mar  | POE                  |
| Fri 12th Mar | It's all Good        |
| Fri 19th Mar | What about me?       |
| Fri 26th Mar | Knowing God          |



Pope Francis said:

**"Being a Catechist  
is a Vocation"**

Is it Your Vocation? Join Us and Find Out...

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us as either **teachers or assistants**. We teach at two schools – North Rocks Public School (Tuesdays) and Carlingford West (Wednesdays). 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.

### WORD OF GOD SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February.

Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word

of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



### CLEANER REQUIRED

We require the assistance of any parishioner who may be able to assist voluntarily with the cleaning of the Church on 13 February. Please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **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](mailto:events@stpatscathedral.com.au) or by phone to (02) 8839 8411 by Friday 29 January.

## **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:JRS.amelia.savage@irs.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)

## **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)

## **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](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.