



Sunday 10th January, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinness
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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

8.00am 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: Brenda Veling (father of Antoine Veling), Terence Lynch (brother of Cheryl Bellamy), Ian Murray (brother of Julie Elliott)

ANNIVERSARIES: Elvira Goodwin.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

With this feast, the Christmas cycle comes to a close. It expands the universality of God's presence proclaimed on the Epiphany and locates it in the messianic mission of Jesus established at his baptism. It might be seen as the summary of the entire liturgical cycle: the one born among us is the servant of God who brings to all the nations a universal promise of justice and the fulfilment of hope.

Jesus is mysterious servant through whom God's saving action is accomplished. He is the light that guides those in darkness. He has been given to the nations as the promise of liberation and the hope of the age to come. His mission is directed to all peoples. Since God's voice spoke over creation and over the head of Jesus as he emerged from the waters of the Jordan, God's regeneration of nature is accomplished in and through him.

Anointed by the Spirit, Jesus is commissioned to begin his prophetic work and ministry, a work of inclusivity and the relinquishment of bondage and fear. As the heavens opened, Jesus was identified as the beloved one of God. Now the community of believers is identified with Jesus the servant of God. Through Baptism, Christians share in his prophetic and divine ministry. They too receive at baptism a commission to commit themselves to the service of the poor and to the cause of compassion. The feast of the Baptism of Jesus is a reminder of the call to Christian service.



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 55:1-11, 1 John 5:1-9, Mt 3:13-17 Next Week's Readings: Is 49:3. 5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

9th / 10th January - The Baptism of the Lord

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Carmelita Khoo, 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

16th / 17th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Gabby Scanlon Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Sue DeCourcy	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	John Colman Chris Kinsella	Acolyte Required Please	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	John Lacey	Brian Euhus Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Sarah Cook Stephen Doyle	Volunteer Required Please	Margaret Coakley	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Ken Coorey, Aubon Fernando, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook

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 ✓

Do I need to wear a face mask to Mass? Yes ✓

The maximum number of people allowed inside our 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 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

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.

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

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE

The NSW Government issued revised COVID-19 regulations on Saturday 2 January 2021. The revised guidelines affect Masses, choirs, wearing of masks, and the maximum number of people allowed to attend religious services.

These include a revert to the 4 square metre rule and a maximum number of **100 people** to attend indoor religious services. **Masks are now compulsory for all indoor religious services.** Masks can be seen as an act of charity towards others and can help stop the spread of viruses and other infectious diseases. These guidelines are available on the Diocesan COVID-19 website at <https://parracatholic.org/covid19/>



Please
**WEAR
A FACE
MASK**

Help stop
the spread
of COVID-19

POSITION VACANT

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

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@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.

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.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

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 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 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 Number 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.