



Sunday 14th February, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
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Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
Youth Coordinator: Adam Chioatto
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School Principal: Tony Hughes
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School Web Site:
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, Bishop Bede Heather, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Janet Sullivan, Abraham Conception.

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Borg (Brother of Rebecca Hughes)

ANNIVERSARIES: Grace Fredigo, Sylvette Marsh, Avedis Qasabian, Marguerite Wong, Ray Webbe, Faye Donaldson, Elizabeth Cutrone, Carmelina Cutrone.

DECEASED: Rita Mullarkey, Paddy Mullarkey, Anthony Mullarkey, Michael Mullarkey, Phil Mullarkey, Margaret Mullarkey, Mary Jane Mullarkey, Joe Mullarkey, Tom Mullarkey, Christine Mullarkey, George Cutrone Jr, Jimmy Cutrone, Beniamino Cutrone, & All Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.



You are my refuge, O Lord, and the joy of my salvation.

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: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46, 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1, Mk 1:40-45

Next Week's Readings: Gen 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

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.

13th / 14th February - Sixth 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	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	Volunteer Required Please	Eucharistic Minister Required Please	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	Jenny Roddy	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Carmelita Khoo, Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Jecy Vaz

20th / 21st February - First Sunday in Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty Inge Weinker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	John Murphy Volunteer Required Please	Aubon Fernando	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Volunteer Required Please	Margaret Coakley	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Chris Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Barbara Haddad, Carol Coorey

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 a place of worship is
240 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence in preparation for Easter. Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass and the distribution of Ashes will be at 9.00 am (CTK Year 6 Primary School Students) and at 7.30pm. A reminder that the Vatican Office of Worship has modified the way in which ashes are distributed in 2021 because of Covid 19. After the blessing the priest prays once over the assembly one of the two texts for the distribution, and then he sprinkles ash on the head of each person. He and other ministers do not touch the foreheads of the people. Where appropriate the priest and ministers wear a mask.

MASS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

Fr Ian has decided to reintroduce Tuesday evening Mass for the season of Lent, beginning on Tuesday the 23 February and concluding on 30 March. After this he will re-evaluate whether to continue this Mass according to the level of participation (e.g, people who will be Lectors) and numbers attending.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

As you are aware, due to COVID-19 and its restrictions, the celebration of and the preparation for First Eucharist had to be postponed in 2021 for children in Year Four or above. Whilst restrictions are still in place and COVID-19 has not been completely eradicated, the parish has decided to recommence the program for First Eucharist. This means that children in Year Four and Year Five (who missed out last year) will prepare for this Sacrament and are eligible if they have made their First Reconciliation. This means we will have approximately 90 to 95 candidates eligible this year. Because of these numbers and the restrictions churches are still under, it has been decided to allow families to choose one of the parish Sunday Masses in the Easter season for their child to receive First Eucharist. As with last year's Reconciliation program, parental cooperation will be required to help assist the children with materials they will be given to prepare for this Sacrament and the initial meeting will be conducted on Zoom. The enrolment process will be online via the parish website and the initial parent Zoom meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 7pm. The registration process is available via the parish website and the final date for registration will be this Friday 19th February.

CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH NEWS

Come along to Squires to find out more about different topics and what our challenges are. Join in every Friday evening in Mary MacKillop Hall commencing at 7.30pm. For all youth news & upcoming events, find us on Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth For more information, contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

DATE	TOPIC
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

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". As St Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you for being more! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/ projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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](mailto:JRS.amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION 2021 FORMATION PROGRAMS – SIGN UP TODAY

Interested or already involved in your parish community initiatives? Looking to explore key themes of the Catholic tradition? Express your interest today in the Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry and Themes of Faith programs for your life and faith enrichment. They are 100% free and begin in early March in an online format. For more information, contact Sr Grace on 9296 6369 or grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au or Donnie on 0432042140 or donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au

INVITATION FROM THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BAULKHAM HILLS BRANCH: 19 FEBRUARY

We are holding our first meeting of the year on Friday, 19th February, 2021 - 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes parish. We will always keep Covid safe so will plan any activities carefully. New members and visitors are most welcome as we look ahead to form new friendships and support each other. Please contact Lyn Keane on 0412 689 261 for more details.

JOIN THE BELLRINGERS OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL!

The Peal of Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral have been officially installed. Bell ringing commences 10.30am Sundays ahead of the Solemn Mass. If you would like to enquire about learning to ring the bells, please contact Fr Christopher Del Rosario on Christopher.Del-Rosario@parracatholic.org. For further information, please visit <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/bellsofstpatricks/>

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.