



# Sunday 21st February, 2021

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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  
**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:** Bishop Bede Heather, Jenny Comisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Janet Sullivan, Abraham Concepcion.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ken Abood, David Borg.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Zenon Adamski, Beryl Muire, Anne Joseph, Roy Joseph, Grace Fredigo, Avedis Qasabian, Marguerite Wong, Ray Wehbe, Faye Donaldson.

**DECEASED:** Colin Brown, Rita Mullarkey, Paddy Mullarkey, Anthony Mullarkey, Michael Mullarkey, Phil Mullarkey, Margaret Mullarkey, Mary Jane Mullarkey, Joe Mullarkey, Tom Mullarkey, Christine Mullarkey & All Souls.

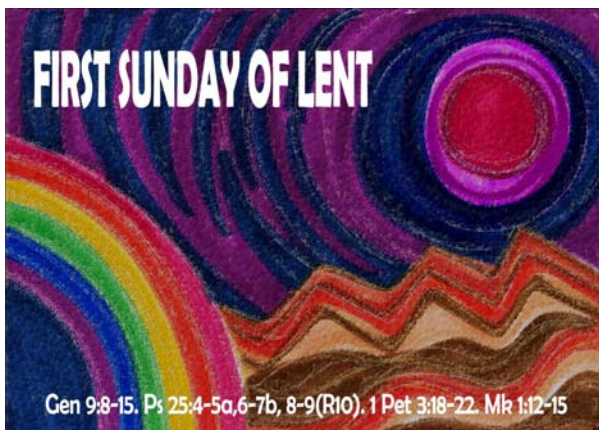
## REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.



#### 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: Gen 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

Next Week's Readings: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31-34, Mk 9:2-10

**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.

### 20th / 21st February - First Sunday in Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty Inge Weinker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Aubon Fernando	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	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, 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

### 27th / 28th February - Second Sunday in Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Lance Parker	Gabby Scanlon Dexter Tabeta	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Sue DeCourcy	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy Chris Brown	Jim Kinsella	Danielle Dona Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Carmelita Khoo	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Rob Haddad	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Cate Joseph	Roseanne Vaughan

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

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

**COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

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



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 & MARCH 2021.  
 Be sure to reserve your place.*

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

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

## MASS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

Fr Ian has decided to reintroduce Tuesday evening Mass for the season of Lent, beginning next 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.

## 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”.

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

The enrolment process is now closed and the initial parent Zoom meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 7pm. Correspondence to all enrolled families will be received via email. Please ensure your email address is current to be kept up to date with the latest information.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held this Wednesday evening 24th February, commencing at 7.30pm in the CTK Primary staffroom. Anyone who may still be considering joining the council this year, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Feel free to come along.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Parish Finance meeting will be held this Thursday 25th February, commencing at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

DATE	TOPIC
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

## 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](mailto:ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com)

## JOIN JRS AUSTRALIA'S LENTEN FOODBANK APPEAL:

### “6 WEEKS OF LENT – GIVE 6 THINGS.”

A chance for your parish to join to help those who need it most in our community.

Right now, JRS is feeding 1000 people a week and the demand for help keeps growing.

COVID-19 has disproportionately affected the lives of people seeking asylum and temporary migrants in Australia, as they remain excluded from all forms of Federal government support. This has meant that people who were once working and self-sufficient have had to rely on charities, like JRS, for rent, medication, bills and food. To help keep everyone fed, we are asking parishioners to donate one item a week and leave in the church foyer:

### WEEK 1: BASMATI RICE (1KG OR 2KG BAGS)

This Lent, JRS Australia is also hosting a Lenten Solidarity Challenge for those wanting to offer moments of your day to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in solidarity with refugees. Please visit: [aus.jrs.net/](http://aus.jrs.net/) for more information.

## **POSITIONS VACANT:**

Social Justice Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 5pm 22 February 2021

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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](http://www.thewell.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](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au) or Donnie on 0432042140 or [donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au](mailto:donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au)

## **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](mailto:Christopher.Del-Rosario@parracatholic.org). For further information, please visit <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/bellsfstpatricks/>

## **PALMS AUSTRALIA - REACH BEYOND**

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now.

Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email: [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## **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.