



Sunday 28th February, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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:

Tuesday 7:30pm

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 9am

Parish Address:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

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Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

Parish Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/>

ANONING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral to be confirmed.

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK: Fr Michael O'Callaghan, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Janet Sullivan, Abraham Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop Bede Heather, Br Mark Ryan FSP, Nora Moore, Jabour Haddad (Father of Robert Haddad), Maurice Charles Hopwood, Ken Abood.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sylvette Marsh, Giovanni Bietola, Edith Azzopardi, Grace Fredigo, Avedis Qasabian, Marguerite Wong, Ray Wehbe, Faye Donaldson.

DECEASED: Rodney Jayatilaka, Colin Brown & All Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.



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 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31-34, Mk 9:2-10

Next Week's Readings: Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25

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.

27th / 28th February - Second Sunday in Lent

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

6th / 7th March - Third Sunday in Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	John DeCourcy Reader Required Please	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	Marea Mooney	Roseanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Nat Bertie

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

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

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK AUTUMN ISSUE OUT NOW - Pick up your FREE Copy in the Church foyer?



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 MARCH 2021.
Be sure to reserve your place.*

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

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



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

The enrolment process is now closed and the initial parent Zoom meeting will take place **this 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

The first meeting for 2021 of our Parish Pastoral Council took place in MacKillop Hall last Wednesday, 24 February. The new executive for the Council was elected: Chairman - Jason Scanlon, Deputy Chairman - Sarah Cook and Secretary- Julie Bonney. Fr Ian would like to thank on behalf of the parish Anne-Marie Makin and Chris Kinsella who are stepping down from the Council for their dedicated service to the community. We welcome also new members Ray Sleiman and Sarah Cook and the return of Peter Elchaar on the Council. A full list of Council members with photo and biographical sketch will be placed on the parish noticeboard shortly.

MASS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

Fr Ian has decided to reintroduce Tuesday evening Mass at 7.30pm for the season of Lent 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



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes available in the church foyer or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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. To help keep everyone fed, we are asking parishioners to donate one item a week and leave in the church foyer. **(A full listing of items on display in the church foyer)**

DATE	TOPIC
Fri 5th Mar	POE
Fri 12th Mar	It's all Good
Fri 19th Mar	What about me?
Fri 26th Mar	Knowing God

WEEK 2	Tuna in Oil
WEEK 3	Cooking Oil
WEEK 4	Tinned Tomatoes
WEEK 5	Tinned Lentils / Chickpeas/ Red Kidney Beans
WEEK 6	Pasta

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



DEATH OF FOUNDING BISHOP OF THE PARRAMATTA DIOCESE BISHOP BEDE VINCENT HEATHER

It is with sadness that we heard the news on Thursday morning of the death of our beloved first Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Bede. Bishop Bede was born on December 7, 1928 and ordained a priest on July 15, 1951. He retired as Bishop of Parramatta in 1997. He was born in Strathfield, the third child of William and Alice Heather. Educated at St Patrick's College, Strathfield, and at St Columba's College, Springwood, he studied for the priesthood at Springwood, Manly and at Propaganda College in Rome, where he was ordained a priest at Castel Gandolfo in 1951.

After completing postgraduate studies in Sacred Scriptures, he returned to Sydney where he was Assistant Priest in the parishes of Brighton-le-Sands and Willoughby, in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

He taught biblical languages and literature at St Columba's Seminary, Springwood, and at St Patrick's Seminary, Manly, for a number of years.

Between 1973 and 1976 he gained experience in Africa where he taught in the Bigard Memorial Seminary, Nigeria.

Upon his return, he had short stays as Administrator at The Entrance and St Ives before taking up an appointment as leader of a pastoral team at Mt Druitt in 1977.

In 1979 he was ordained as Titular Bishop of Obbi and became an auxiliary bishop with responsibility for western Sydney. Bishop Heather was co-chairman of the Catholic/Baptist International Dialogue.

On 8 April in 1986 Pope St John Paul II erected the Diocese of Parramatta and on 19 May in the same year Bishop Bede Heather took possession of St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta and the Diocese of Parramatta was launched.

Bishop Bede said in his installation homily that he wanted the new Diocese to be "the face of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd" as it embarked on its mission.

Bishop Heather served the Diocese of Parramatta until his resignation on 10 July 1997. Many in our parish would have known Bishop Bede as he frequently visited here for Confirmation and other functions as well as the opening of the new CTK Church on 3 March 1996. He was a man of great charity and pastoral care who had an amazing ability to remember people's names and their stories. In retirement he lived on the Central Coast of NSW. He last residence was at St Ezekiel Moreno Nursing Home, Croydon.

In your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bishop Bede and remember his family in your prayers.

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.