



Sunday 7th March, 2021

THIRD 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

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: 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Richard Derek Walsh, Beryl

Margaret Vaz, Sylvette Marsh, Giovanni Bietola.

DECEASED: Rodney Jayatilaka, Colin Brown & All Souls.

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

Last Wednesday, 3 March we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening and dedication of our (then) new parish Church blessed by the first Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Bede Vincent Heather, whose funeral we sadly celebrated the following day, having died on 25 February at the age of 92.

Of course, this building was bought about through the endeavours of the parish priest at the time Father Eric Burton, the architect John King and a large number of parishioners who assisted in many ways in contributing to this unique building.

Whilst the building is showing signs of those twenty-five years, particularly with water damage, it has been a great space to worship our God in for the second half of the 51 years of our parish's existence.

We hope and pray that as the effects of Covid-19 diminish, more members of the living body of Christ will be able to assemble together in this building to worship our God and to give thanks in the Eucharist.



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: Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25
 Next Week's Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

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.

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 Inge Weinker	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

13th / 14th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola George Germanos	Keith Henson	Inge Weinker Reader Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Nesli Nuguid	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	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Volunteer Required Please	Leila Safy	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 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus, Ken Coorey

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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 celebration for our families will commence on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th April and the following five weekends at all Masses. For those families who have not yet registered their child at one of these Masses, please do so via the Eventbrite website above. Be sure to register your guests at the same weekend Mass. Please mark **Wednesday 31st March** in your schedules for a practise session commencing at **7pm in the Church**. Please ensure your email address is current to be kept up to date to receive any new information or changes.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.' Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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

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)

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

SATURDAY SESSIONS - 6TH MARCH

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, each week with Saturday Sessions.

This Week: *14give - In Memory of the Four Angels*

Register in advance to receive the video link. Watch the video and then join in the conversation by joining in one of the conversation sessions: 9.15am – Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SS06032021>

To read more about Saturday Sessions visit: <https://catholicoutlook.org/saturday-sessions-is-returning-for-2021/?fbclid=IwAR0GNy2Y09ZCKjm2Noxf6POldH64y4z2ZToTa4Ru2tjoQ5yZg007FTHEGD-0>

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POSITIONS VACANT: More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

St Patrick's Gift Shop Manager – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta – Applications close 14 March 2021

Diocese of Parramatta Senior Receptionist – Bethany Centre, Parramatta

'THE WELL' OFFERS NEW REFRESHMENT IN 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Catholic Education and Catholic Youth Parramatta are 'first cabs off the rank' with content uploaded for Lent and the Year of Saint Joseph. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LECTIO DIVINA: 5 - 26 MARCH

St Patrick's is offering the Stations of the Cross and Lectio Divina to keep you spiritually nourished during this time of Lent and social distancing. **The Stations of the Cross - 6pm to 7pm Lectio Divina - 7pm to 8pm**

The devotion consists of various components (reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation) and is designed to make our hearts and minds receptive to God's voice through Scripture, and in this way, to allow us to develop a more intimate relationship with the Lord. You are invited to the Stations of the Cross and Live Christ Share Christ Lenten Lectio Divina. We are excited to seeing you all join us in this Sacred Reading! Remember you are the light of the world and the salt of the earth!

YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION: 7 MARCH

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 7 March at The Hustle, Minchinbury at 7pm. Fr Jack Green will speak and lead discussion on the questions of suffering and mortification. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL: 13 & 14 MARCH

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/ appeal. Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

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.