



# Sunday 11th April, 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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 Saturday 3:30pm**

<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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

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

#### **ANOIDING OF THE SICK:**

The next conferral to be confirmed.

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

**THE SICK:** Alan O'Hara, Jui-May Lee, Tony Basha, Tina Coorey, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Janet Sullivan, Abraham Concepcion.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Olga Gialanze, Anne Joseph

**DECEASED:** Colin Brown, Peter Huang, Mary Zen, Raymond Magill, Olga D'Souza, Marshall D'Souza, Nigel D'Sylva, Rodney Jayatilaka, Tony Khalife, Soraya Khalife, Morrie Khalife, Phillip Boulous, Yvonne Boulous, John George, Maree George & All Souls.

## REFLECTION

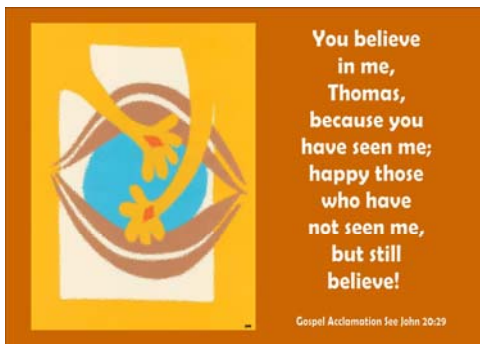
Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.



#### 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: Acts 4:32-35, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31  
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5, Lk 24:35-48

**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.

### 10th / 11th April - Second Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 7pm</b>	George Germanos Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Sue De Courcy	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown Chris Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Marea Mooney	Robert Haddad

**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 4:** Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

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

### 17th / 18th April - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Gabby Scanlon Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy <b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	<b>Volunteer Required Please</b>	Cate Joseph	Robert Haddad

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

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

**COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

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



Strongly recommended to WEAR A FACE MASK

Help stop the spread of COVID-19

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH 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 still

**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 APRIL & MAY 2021.**

**Be sure to reserve your place.**

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

### A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks to parishioner Jim Kinsella for his time and effort in renewing and repairing the Church's laptop to maximise its effectiveness for Parish liturgies. Much gratitude is also extended to Sid Saad (from Southern Cross Stainless Steel) for manufacturing and installing much-needed handrails in the Church and Parish hall with the assistance of Robert Haddad. I would encourage lectors and special ministers of communion who may find steps difficult, to use the handrail on the right-hand side of the sanctuary when they have to exercise their ministry for their personal safety. Fr Ian

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021



This weekend we commence the celebrations of First Eucharist for 72 of our children. They will be making their first Holy Communion at one of the 3 parish Masses (Sat 6pm, Sun 8am and 10 am) during the Easter season. It is important that the parish is part of this celebration and a reminder to us all that they are being initiated into the ongoing sacramental life of the parish at Sunday Mass, not a once in a lifetime event. It is an occasion for the parish community to minister to them in our parish liturgy. It is a time for the whole assembly to welcome these children to the table of the Lord.

The children will sit in the first three rows of pews (with their immediate families) in the middle 2 blocks of Christ the King Church. These pews will be reserved for them. Communion will be initially distributed to the first Communicants and families down the centre aisle. Special Ministers of Holy Communion will distribute Communion to other family members and parishioners at the side aisles. Your cooperation is appreciated to joyfully celebrate with these children.

We congratulate the following children and welcome their families and friends joining our parish community:

Matias Aguilera, Sebastian Aguilera, Hugo Attwood, Charlotte Barker, Swedel Fernandes, Lucas Georges, Lincoln Kyprianou, Joshua Moses, Holly-rose Ndaira, Isabella Ndaira, Anthony Pitinac, Matthew Richardson, Mia Ryan & Emilia Sacca.

### MASS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

Tuesday evening Mass has recommenced at 7.30pm each week. Come along and participate in this celebration of the Eucharist.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Come and join us on April 16-18, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book at [www.wmme.org.au](http://www.wmme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

**Please return all donations to Project Compassion (either boxes or envelopes) so that these can be now processed and your donations forwarded to this cause.**

*Many thanks for your wonderful contributions.*



### ORDINATION OF TRAINEE DEACON JOHN COLLINS - FRIDAY 11 JUNE

Trainee Deacon Dr John Collins has been advised that he will be ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Vincent at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday evening, 11 June, 2021. If you would like to attend the ceremony where John will be ordained with Dr Michael Tan please reserve this date. Further details will follow.

### JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

this is your invitation to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St Agatha's Pennant Hills between 1:30pm and 3:45pm, including Mass at 2:00pm, Reconciliation, Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. COVID-19 restrictions limit the congregation to 200 people only. Bookings essential:

[www.stagatha.org.au/mass-booking/](http://www.stagatha.org.au/mass-booking/) Enquiries: Greg 0419228199.

"Tell the whole world of My great mercy ... mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

**POSITIONS VACANT:** Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – Applications close Monday 30 April

**SATURDAY SESSIONS: 10 APRIL - 9.15AM** Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, each week with Saturday Sessions. "The Time is Now" - Sr Joan Chittister. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SS10042021> in advance to receive the video link. Watch the video and then join in the conversation by joining in one of the conversation sessions.

### **YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 11 APRIL**

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 11 April at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm. Christian Stephens will speak and lead discussion on the topic of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord? 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.

### **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK LENT/EASTER EDITION OUT NOW!**

Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on developing faith in the family as well as the highlights of Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from the church foyer.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING**

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering tips, tricks and best practice in a variety of areas for healthy and productive parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. If you are on a council or work closely with our councils, claim this date. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

### **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 House of Welcome on [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or 9727 9290 or JRS on [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto:foodbank@jrs.org.au) or 9098 9336.

### **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.