



Sunday 18th April, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
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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 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

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: Ace Sortisas, Oliver Ofiana, 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 Conception.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Allen O'Hara - *Funeral: Tues 20.4.2021 - 10.30am*, Cardinal Edward Cassidy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter F Murphy, Norman Elias, Olga Gialanze, Anne Joseph.

DECEASED: Rogelio Soledad, Rodney Jayatilaka, Colin Brown, Tony Khalife, Soraya Khalife, Morrie Khalife, Phillip Boulous, Yvonne Boulous, John George, Maree George & All Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.



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 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5, Lk 24:35-48

Next Week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

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.

17th / 18th April - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 7pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Ron Ruskin	Gabby Scanlon Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	John Murphy Volunteer Required Please	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Volunteer Required Please	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

24th / 25th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter / ANZAC Day

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Acolyte Required Please	Kerry Saad Reader Required Please	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	John Lacey	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Volunteer Required Please	Margaret Coakley	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: *Suspended until further notice*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, **Minister Required Please**

COUNTER GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

This weekend we continue the celebrations of First Eucharist for our children. They will be making their first Holy Communion at one of the 3 parish Masses (Sat 5.30pm, 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: Summer Aiken, Massimo Bonelli, Jaden Hadi, Chloe Hochbaum, Lincoln Hoekstra, Katerina Koic, Joshua Lin, Abigail Metz, Alexander Tran, Ben Trofa and Oscar Yau.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Van Deun family, Thomas & Anne-Marie and their son Benjamin Flynn. We also welcome the Yeung family, Wea & Boffin and their daughter Lara Ashley. May Benjamin and Lara's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

MEETING THIS WEEK - Parish Pastoral Council

This Wednesday 21st of April at 7:30pm the Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the staffroom of the CTK Primary.

POSITION VACANT

The parish is looking for a parishioner to represent us on the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council which meets bimonthly to encourage communication and common endeavours across the eight parishes in our Deanery. The information from these meetings would then be reported back to our Parish Pastoral Council. If you require further information, please contact Fr Ian. These Councils are one way by which the Bishop is trying to extend governance and accountability for the running of the Church to the non-ordained members of the Church.

PLANNED GIVING 2021 / 2022

Our planned giving envelope system is now due for renewal for 2021/2022. We are requesting our parishioners to confirm whether or not they would like to continue using the envelopes for the next twelve months. Please email the parish office: northrocks@parracatholic.org or phone: 9871.8710, should you wish to **discontinue** using these envelopes, you have **changed your mailing address** or **would like to contribute via credit card or direct debit** as an alternative. We thank all of our parishioners for your continual support in our parish of Christ the King.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return all donations to Project Compassion 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 11th of June - 7pm. If you would like to attend the ceremony where John will be ordained, please reserve this date. Further details will follow.

LISTENING CIRCLES

You are invited to participate in Listening Circles. Listening Circles provide time, a safe space and an authentic audience for the voices of those who have been impacted by the sexual abuse crisis within the Catholic Church. For more details of where to attend, following at the end of this parish bulletin and displayed in the church foyer.

POSITIONS VACANT: Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers –

Applications close Monday 30 April. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

‘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. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

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.

DR LAURIE WOODS GOSPEL STUDY SERIES

CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St John with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May. These sessions, held from 9.30am to 2pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone: 8838 3486.

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

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 or 9727 9290 or JRS on 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 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.

You are invited to participate in



What are Listening Circles?

Listening Circles provide time, a safe space and an authentic audience for the voices of those who have been impacted by the sexual abuse crisis within the Catholic Church.

Listening Circles are restorative in nature and provide time, space and an authentic audience for the voice of those who have been impacted in some way by this crisis.

Birth of Listening Circles

Listening Circles began in 2012 when a small group of people sensed the deep silence in the Catholic Church when it came to talking about child sexual abuse within the church. Since that time thousands of people in Australia and the USA have experienced how this form of listening and speaking can provide a safe space where all voices are heard.

How do Listening Circles work?

Listening Circles create a safe and confidential space for all in communities to experience:

- § deep listening while hearing how others have been impacted
- § sitting peacefully in silence
- § speaking with an authentic audience

Where can I attend?

Members of **Deanery Pastoral Councils, Diocesan Pastoral Council, Clergy of the Diocese and Chancery Staff** are invited to attend a session of Listening Circles on one of the following evenings:

- Wednesday, 21st April | 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm
Parramatta Cathedral Hall | 1 Marist Place, Parramatta
- Wednesday, 28th April | 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm
Baulkham Hills Parish Hall | 1 Canyon Road, Baulkham Hills
- Wednesday, 5th May | 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm
Emu Plains Parish Hall | 15 Troy Street, Emu Plains


Each venue is limited to thirty participants.
Advisable to book early to secure your place.

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

Please register by emailing
tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or calling 0459 133 665

For more information about Listening Circles,
please contact Vic & Liz O'Callaghan
liz@restorativepractices.org.au - 0417 176 278
vic@restorativepractices.org.au - 0412 703 377

*Confidentiality is respected in line with
legislation and reporting requirements of NSW*



*'Deep listening invites
people to break down
walls of
misunderstanding and
overcome the isolation of
being closed up
in one's own little world.'
Pope Francis*