



Sunday 2nd May, 2021

FIFTH 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
Youth Coordinator: Adam Chioatto
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School Principal: Tony Hughes
School Phone: 8846 2700
School Web Site:

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 Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Br Bernie Magill CFC

ANNIVERSARIES: William Lum.

DECEASED: Rodney Jayatilaka, Rito Jayatilaka, Angelina Jayatilaka, Colin Brown & All Souls.

Held every five years since 2001, the project is a simple head count of all attenders at all parishes and other Mass centres across Australia over the four weekends of May. The count takes in Masses as well as Sunday assemblies in the absence of a priest.

The National Count of Attendance is held in the same year as the Australian Census, which will take place in August. That allows for information gathered from the two projects to be analysed together.

National Centre for Pastoral Research director Trudy Dantis said attendance data will include parish churches, but also hospitals, migrant centres, prisons, boarding schools and other settings.

"The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include people of all ages, including babies, at Mass and other types of Sunday assemblies," she said.

"The exercise does not have to disrupt Mass. It can be done, for example, while the collection is being taken up or as people are arriving at or leaving the service."

Dr Dantis said ongoing restrictions on public gatherings in some areas mean this year's National Count of Attendance will also seek to understand how people participate in Mass from home.

The National Count will commence here this weekend.

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 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

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.

1st / 2nd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Sam Bietola Roger Hook	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty Inge Weinker	Veronica Chacty	Sue DeCourcy	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Volunteer Required Please	Cate Joseph	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Chris Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Mark & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

8th / 9th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	One Eucharistic Minister Required	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Gabby Scanlon	Volunteer Required Please	Gillian Mobbs	Sam Bietola George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Dawn Peat	Volunteer Required Please	Marea Mooney	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Nat Bertie

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus



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 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: Clayton Bergan, Dylan Grant, Nixon Kasprzak, Emilie Kucharski, Flynn Manning, William Mathie, Hamish McBain, Callan Moutzouris, Daniel Ozer, Paul Robertson, Jack Ronzini, Anthony Saad, Savannah-Rae Shelley, Olivia Tadrosse & Mia Wynne.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Pierce family, Aaron & Stephanie and their daughter Madison. We also welcome the O'Connor family, Stephanie & Patrick and their daughter Sarah. May Madison and Sarah'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.

CALLING FOR MIDDLE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CHILDREN

Do you like working with computers? We are looking for some new AV operators to help out at our weekend Masses. Duties will include arriving 15 minutes early to find out if there is anything special on, following any queues from Fr Ian and ensuring the slide show runs smoothly. **Full training and support will be given.** Once you have completed the training and are confident, you will be rostered on a weekend Mass (the Mass you usually or can attend) every couple of weeks. Initially, a regular AV operator may be able to help. You may also be able to help out when a volunteer is needed. If you or your child are interested, **there will be a training day held on Saturday 15th May in the church at 10am** for approximately 45 minutes. If you are interested but cannot make this date, please contact Sarah Cook: scook@parra.catholic.edu.au or in person at the 10am Mass on Sunday. We look forward to this exciting new technology time for our community. *Thank you - Sarah Cook: Parish Pastoral Council*

LEADERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We have had a number of wonderful Children's Liturgy volunteers whose circumstances have changed and are now "going on leave" from Children's Liturgy. **We thank them very much for their generous contributions over many years.** So this is an urgent request for new leaders / teachers of Children's Liturgy. We would like to recommence Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass each week from Trinity Sunday (30th May) and we are in desperate need of parishioners who could lead a small group of primary school-aged children. All volunteers will be supported by resources and by experienced leaders of Children's Liturgy. You do not need teaching experience nor any theological background but will require a Working With Children Check. Lesson plans, Scripture readings, discussion questions and worksheets are all provided. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Erica Rheinberger via email: rheinberger.eric@gmail.com

CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH GROUP "SQUIRES & KNIGHTS"

Come along to find out more about different topics and what our challenges are. **Join in this Friday evening in Mary MacKillop Hall commencing at 6.45pm.** 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

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.

DEANERY CCD MASS

On Tuesday, 11 May the Hills region Special Religious Education Teachers (Catechist) Mass will take place at Christ the King Church at 7:30pm within the normal Tuesday evening Mass.

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.

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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.



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Bishop of Parramatta

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Pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta recently made a submission to the NSW Legislative Council's inquiry into the *Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill 2020* (introduced by the Hon. Mark Latham, NSW State Leader of Pauline Hanson's One Nation party). I felt it was important to write to reassure you that the decision to oppose the Bill was guided both by our strong Catholic faith and teachings, and concern for the wellbeing of our students and their families.

Our Catholic schools remain resolutely committed to our Catholic values which are at the heart of teaching children and young people. This means approaching these matters with sensitivity, compassion and truth, acknowledging at all times the dignity of each person. Dedicated staff respond to the needs of each student in an age-appropriate way.

As the Bishop of Parramatta, with oversight of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, I take seriously the trust you have placed in us to educate your children and will uphold that trust with an education based on Catholic Scripture, Tradition and Values. Parents' role in education is vital, necessary and sought after at all times because parents are their children's first teachers (Canon 793 §1). This is made very clear in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta's submission to the parliamentary inquiry.

At issue is whether or not certain sensitive or challenging topics such as consent, sexuality, gender et cetera can be discussed in the classroom. Some have quickly made a judgment that our Catholic education system panders to dangerous ideology. I can assure you that we take all the vital questions of our culture seriously and reflect on them through the prism of Jesus' solidarity with the marginalised.

As a Catholic community, we believe that all students - including those who identify as gender diverse - should have the opportunity to reach their potential, to learn with their peers and feel a sense of belonging in their school. The Bill prohibits the schools from affirming and supporting these children who are already at risk of marginalisation. We have to remember that at times the teachers are the only people these children might trust in helping them in these sensitive matters. By banning their discussion, the school community is unable to address unhealthy and discriminatory attitudes that may exist in their learning environment.

I emphatically reject the notion of gender ideology. What I advocate for is a compassionate, respectful, inclusive, Gospel-centred learning environment and a deep commitment to the wellbeing of all students, particularly those at risk. Their lives must not be made more intolerable by unjust laws such as elements of the “Latham” Bill that I have articulated above.

We have nothing to fear from a respectful and intelligent dialogue with our sons and daughters, with our deeply committed teaching staff, and in a caring Catholic environment. Life can be complex; but the Church is not a cult that refuses to engage and challenge our contemporary culture. I believe when faced with a choice, we need to acknowledge and stand with those who are ostracised rather than consigning them to the margins of society.

Catholics believe all people are made in the image and likeness of God. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminds us, the Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to accompany all people. As the parable of the Gospel’s Good Samaritan tells us, we are called to walk with and care for everyone in our community.

As always, I welcome respectful discussion and acknowledge the good intentions of many of those with an interest in this important issue. Yet I ask that the dignity of each person be maintained at all times, regardless of the view being expressed. Thank you for working with us in partnership for the best outcomes for children and young people.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Vincent Long Van Nguyen".

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**

*Given at Parramatta on 27 April 2021
Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter*