



Sunday 31st October, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Claudine Nallétamby
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

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 Neighbours Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - **Suspended until further notice**

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

REGISTRATION via SERVICE NSW QR Code located outside Church doors

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am

Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ALL SOULS' DAY 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: Jovito Gatpatan, Margaret McCaffrey, Fiona Kyle, Sandra Neill, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Mimi Jayatilaka, Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Ace Sortisas, Oliver Ofiana, Jui-May Lee, Tony Basha, Tina Coorey, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Abraham Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Renato Paras, Sr Anne Cooper RSJ, Marie Tilbrook.

ANNIVERSARIES: Natalie Saffy

DECEASED: Joan Flanagan, Ken Sutherland, Darcy Dwyer, Betty Dwyer, Eric Bokeyar, Monica Bokeyar, Ronald Japour, Rodney Jayatilaka, Azzopardi Family, Gammino Family, Verzi Family, Colin Brown & All Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.



OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

Catholic Mission will invites you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most. You will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world. Please be have an open and generous heart.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand
Envelopes are also now available.

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: Dt 6:2-6, Heb 7:23-28, Mk 12:28-34
Next Week's Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16, Heb 9:24-28, Mk 12:38-44

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.

30th / 31st October - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Welcomer Required Please	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty Jonathan Sleiman Jacob Sleiman	Sue DeCourcy Maria Bietola	George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda Ethan Bertie	Chris Kinsella John Lacey	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Graeme Gardiner	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Cate Joseph Jenny Roddy	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Suspended until further notice

COUNTER GROUP: Suspended until further notice

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Barbara Haddad, Carol Coorey

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group 1, Julie Bechara

6th / 7th November - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Keith Henson	Inge Wienker John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty Jonathan Sleiman Jacob Sleiman	Jim Kinsella Lilia Nuguid	George Germanos Roger Hook
Sunday 8am	John Murphy Welcomer Required Please	Aubon Fernando	Bev Johnson Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	John Lacey Eucharistic Minister Required Please	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Computer Operator Required Please	Chris Kinsella Leila Safy	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Suspended until further notice

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



Please
**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

The maximum number of people allowed inside our place of worship is

120 persons per Mass.

NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS

Masses have recommenced being celebrated here at Christ the King Parish. Face masks are now mandatory at all indoor venues and the social distancing rule of 1 person per 4 square metres is now in force. Therefore a maximum attendance of 120 persons will be allowed in our Church. No singing is allowed. Can we please request for everyone to register via the Service NSW QR Code app, bring along a face mask to wear before entering the church and continue to utilise the sanitiser provided. The Christ the King parish QR Code is located on the windows of the church for parishioners to scan and register themselves and any dependents before entering. It will be important for those who use the Service NSW app to show the wardens at the door the green tick on your phone as you enter and to remember to check out after you leave Mass. The wardens will be counting the number of attendees to ensure we don't go over 120 and manually register anyone who does not register via the QR Code. For more information on downloading the Services NSW app - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/service-nsw-mobile-app>

NOVEMBER MASSES

St Ambrose preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayer into the house of the Lord." For this reason, parishioners are invited to put the names of their loved ones on the card provided on the table near the sanctuary and place on the commemorative wall during the month of November. The daily Mass will be held for their intentions. Envelopes are available to commemorate the memory of your loved one at Mass and their name will be placed in the Parish Memorial Book. Only recently deceased persons will be listed in the bulletin during the month of November.

ALL SOULS' DAY - THIS TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Parish on All Souls Day commencing at 7.30pm in the Church.

MESSAGE FROM THE DWYER FAMILY

Dear CTK Parish Community, Thank you very much for all your love, prayers and support for our family on the loss of our beloved mum, Monica Bokeyar, during lockdown. While we were only allowed 10 people at mum's funeral, we felt very loved and conscious of so many of you praying with us.

May your journey be richly blessed, Marianne, David and Family.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2021 - FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 5 & ABOVE

Registration for the children is via the Eventbrite website and closes on Monday at 4pm. An email was sent to all families last week with registration details. Thank you to the families that have already registered. The Sacrament of Confirmation ceremonies will take place on

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th November - 7.30pm

Please pray for these children and their families in being able to celebrate this special event.

A PRACTISE SESSION will be held this Thursday 4th of November in the Church commencing at 7pm.

All children and at least one parent are required to attend. Thank you.

CTK CUPPA & CONNECTION VIA ZOOM

This Tuesday 2nd November - 10:30am & Thursday 4th November - 3pm

The CTK Cuppa & Connection will continue the virtual morning and afternoon tea next week for all of our parishioners to grab a cuppa and connect with each other for a chat. Many parishioners have been enjoying "seeing each other". It would be wonderful for those especially still a little apprehensive to return to the church to join in. Come and say "hello". Check your schedules and join in one or both chats. A Zoom invite received via email or please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org to receive the link.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Gebran family, George & Louise and their daughter Ava Mary. May Ava's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

DEATH OF FATHER RENATO PARAS 12.9.1938-26.10.21

Fr Renato Paras, assistant priest in the parish of Christ the King from 1993-96 passed away at Rooty Hill on 26 October 2021. His funeral will be held on Thursday, 4 November at 11am at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Allawah Street, Blacktown.

For further details about his life click this link in *Catholic Outlook*: [Vale Fr Renato Paras.](#)



POSITIONS VACANT:

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on 9356 3888 or HoW on 9727 9290.

THE WELL' OFFERS SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT DURING LOCKDOWN

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Celebrate the joy of returning to public Mass with a special Worship Wednesday session titled 'A Light at the end of lockdown'. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

FERTILITY AWARENESS ONLINE EVENING: 17 NOVEMBER

Are you looking for answers to infertility? On Wednesday 17 November at 7.30pm, couples are invited to an online Natural Fertility session hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. Vinetta Lobo, a certified FertilityCare Practitioner will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can assess and evaluate your current fertility status and treat infertility. To register, or for more information, please contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LAUNCHES PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

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.bpoin.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.