



Sunday 21st November, 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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:

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: 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: Bishop Bill Wright, Kerry Ann Thomas, and all on our November Parish list and all the Holy Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings. Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory. Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE - FRIDAY 24TH

Children's Mass - 5:30pm

7pm & 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

SATURDAY 25TH

8am & 10am

Note there will be no evening Mass on Christmas day or Vigil Mass for the Sunday Sunday Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family on 26 December Masses will be at 8am & 10am

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: Dn 7:13-14, Rv 1:5-8, Jn 18:33-37
 Next Week's Readings: Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2, Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

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.

20th / 21st November - Christ the King

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Welcomer Required Please	Sue DeCourcy	Dexter Tabeta Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Lilia Nuguid Eucharistic Minister Required	George Germanos
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Tony Hughes Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	John Lacey Lorraine Murphy	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Ng Welcomer Required Please	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Levi Brown	Jim Kinsella Leila Safy	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: *Suspended until further notice*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: 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, Luke Peterson, Ken Coorey

27th / 28th November - First Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Welcomer Required Please	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Liam Attwood	Maria Bietola Eucharistic Minister Required	George Germanos
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Peter Hrast	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda Ethan Bertie	Anne-Marie Makin Veronica Raic	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner Chris Kinsella	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Swedel Fernandes Tiana Fernandes	Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy	Rosanne Vaughan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: *Suspended until further notice*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Anne-Marie Makin, Eucharistic Minister Required

COUNTER GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: *Suspended until further notice*

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



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

240 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 2 square metres is now in force. Therefore a maximum attendance of 240 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 240 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>

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - SATURDAY 20TH & SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

The Parish celebrates its feast this weekend. Celebrate this special occasion with coffee and cake shared after Mass, with social distancing rules applying.

Catch up on some friendly conversation and enjoy some refreshments.

FUNDRAISER FOR JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE (JRS) PLANT & GIFTWARES SALE

A fundraiser for JRS will be held after every Mass this weekend. JRS advocates and provides assistance to refugees, many of whom receive little to no assistance from the Australian government. They usually can't return to their home country for safety reasons and are reliant on organisations such as JRS to help provide life's necessities. Many are dealing with past trauma and physical and/or mental health issues. Many plants and giftware for sale. If you are able to assist, please contact Ellen on 0417 657 680. All help would be very much appreciated.

Come and support this great cause and get in early with a great Christmas gift! EFTPOS available.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tony Clancy and Tom Peat were awarded Lifetime Membership of the St Vincent De Paul Society for their extraordinary work over many years with the North Rocks conference of the Society. A recognition overdue for the wonderful work that they have done assisting the poor and disadvantaged. In addition, recognition was also given to all members of our local conference who have chalked up 7 to 10 years' service. This is an opportunity to thank the unsung heroes of our parish community who work behind the scenes to show Christ's love practically. It's also a reminder to younger people in our parish to think seriously about taking on this Ministry within our community. Contact Rosemary Wickham our Conference President via the parish office if you are interested.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2021

The Vinnies 2021 Christmas Giving Trees is now located in the church foyer. It will be located here until next Sunday 28th November. We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of tags for food and gifts and return these to the Church before Sunday 5th December. This will then give us time to make up and distribute the Christmas hampers and toys to the needy in plenty of time for Christmas.

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of Christ the King for their generosity of the years showing care, compassion and love for the needy in our community.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2021

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a prerequisite for First Eucharist (for children in Year 3 and above). Thank you to the families who attended the initial **information evening will be held last Wednesday evening.**

Registration for the program is now open via the parish website - <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/reconciliation-registration/> Registration closes Friday 26th November.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th December.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL - NEXT WEEKEND

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. The appeal to support officially commences next weekend but if you wish to donate today, please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2021-2022 are ready for collection. Some were not collected before lockdown and are located in the church foyer. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for the upcoming year, or wish to contribute via credit card or direct debit, please contact the parish office on 9871.8710 or via email:

northrocks@parracatholic.org *Thank you for your generous support in assisting the needs of Christ the King Parish.*

HELP OUR INMATES FEEL THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

With the beginning of the Season of Advent upon us, the Diocese of Parramatta, through CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, are collecting blank Christmas cards that will be distributed by our prison chaplains to inmates and to their families this Christmas. You can leave unused Christmas cards at any CatholicCare offices across the Diocese, which can be found by visiting <https://catholicoutlook.info/inmatecards>

YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE – WE ARE WITH YOU

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

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.

UPDATE: SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE

Under the remaining influence of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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. For more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on 9356 3888 or HoW on 9727 9290.

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.



ST VINCENT de PAUL GIVING TREES 2021

2021 has been a very difficult year for everyone. So, we are once again asking for the help of the Christ the King Parishioners to make Christmas a little brighter for the needy in our community.

The St Vincent de Paul Giving Trees will be in the Church foyer from November 13th until November 28th. Please take a ticket from the tree and return your donation to the baskets provided in the Church foyer as soon as possible.

Please **do not wrap any gifts** as we have to unwrap them to ensure that they are suitable for the family we are giving the hampers to. Please note that all Festive Food is being supplied by the CTK Primary School Families. Below is a list of items we require.

FOOD - TOILETRIES

Pasta

Rice

Oil

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Ham

Tea

Coffee

Milo

Sugar

Flour

Cereal

Soap

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

Hand Sanitiser

Dishwashing Liquid

Laundry powder

TOYS

We also need toys, books & puzzles for boys and girls aged 1 to 12.

(PLEASE DO NOT WRAP PRESENTS)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are also available in the Church Foyer. Cost is \$6 for 10 cards. Money for the cards is to be placed in the Poor Box.

Thank You for helping us ease the burden on the very needy in our community during this very difficult 2021 Covid year.

St Vincent de Paul North Rocks Conference