



Sunday 12th December, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Comisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Jessica Campbell, Mary Magill, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Abraham Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Heru Gumulya

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Gately, Neil O'Hara,

DECEASED: Jovito Gatpatan, Cecilia Resuta and all the Holy Souls.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birthpangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

Christmas Eve - Friday 24th

Children's Mass - 5:30pm (Children's Mass)

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

RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Individual Reconciliation (confession) will be held at Christ the King Church on Saturday morning 18 December:

9:30am - 10:30am and 3pm - 4pm

A Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held on

Monday 20 December: 7.30pm St Michael's Church, Baulkham Hills

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: Zep 3:14-18, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18

11th/12th December	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Welcomers Required Please	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Lilia Nuguid Eucharistic Minister Please	Safety Wardens required please
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda Liam Attwood	John Lacey Lorraine Murphy	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Acolyte Required Please	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Swedel Fernandes Tiana Fernandes	Margaret Coakley Leila Safy	Rosanne Vaughan

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

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

18th / 19th December	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Welcomers Required Please	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola Eucharistic Minister Required Please	Safety Wardens required please
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown John Murphy	Aubon Fernando	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin Jim Kinsella	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy	Rosanne Vaughan

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Mario Azzopardi, Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

24th / 25th December - CHRISTMAS EVE / CHRISTMAS DAY

	Acolyte	Reader	Musicians	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
FRIDAY 5.30pm Children's Mass	Lance Parker	Not Necessary	Not Necessary	Volunteer Required Please	Rosemary Wickham Lilia Nuguid Minister Required Please	Michael Ng Safety Wardens required please
FRIDAY 7.00pm	Acolyte Required	Readers Required Please	Dominic Wong	Volunteer Required Please	3 Ministers Required Please	Safety Wardens required please
FRIDAY 9.00pm	Sue DeCourcy	Julie Elliott Sue Veling	Jason Scanlon & Wea Yeung	Volunteer Required Please	Jim Kinsella John Lacey Minister Required Please	Safety Wardens required please
SATURDAY 8.00am	Ken Coorey	Dexter Tabeta Reader Required Please	Mike Yates	Trish Yates	Maria Bietola Margaret Coakley 1 Minister Required Please	Safety Wardens required please
SATURDAY 10.00am	Aubon Fernando	Danielle Dona Anne Gately	Isabelle Chacty	Volunteer Required Please	Marea Mooney Leila Safy Minister Required Please	Graeme Gardiner Safety Wardens required please



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.

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>

WANTED! SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

The parish is currently seeking volunteers who are available for about 1-2 hours each week to become SREs at North Rocks Public School (Tuesday mornings) and Carlingford West Public School (Wednesday late morning / early afternoon). All training and teacher and student materials are provided. The Catholic SRE curriculum Christ our Light and Life is produced by CCD Publications and is approved by the Archdiocese of Sydney. Information about content and the program are available at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/publications/curriculum-resources/>

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or at northrocks@parracatholic.org For information about the SRE curriculum please visit <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/publications/curriculum-resources/>

The parish is seeking someone to replace our current SRE Coordinator and continue this important role. If this is you, please contact: the parish office, on 9871 8710 or at northrocks@parracatholic.org

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Perera family, Angela & Hasitha and their daughter Ella Rose. May Ella-Rose'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.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME

The children will celebrate their First Reconciliation this Tuesday and Wednesday 14th & 15th December. We keep these children and their families in our prayers.

PARISH SECRETARY

Our parish secretary Claudine Nallétamby-Sandel has accepted a new position working for St Angela's school, Castle Hill next year and will be finishing in her position as North Rocks parish secretary on 24 December. Claudine began working in the parish on 11 March 2019. We are grateful for her ministry with us for the past 2 ½ years especially during the difficult times of Covid 19 and wish her well in her new job. Early in the New Year we will be advertising for her successor.

WOMEN IN SYNODALITY - THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER - 8.30PM

This panel discussion will feature religious and lay women who are involved in the organisational and guiding processes for the Catholic Church's Synod on Synodality, which will conclude in 2023. Synod of Bishops Undersecretary Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCI, will speak alongside Dr. Myriam Wijlens; Sr. Patricia Murray, IBVM; Sr. Beatrice Faye, CIC; and Ms. Susan Pascoe, A.M., who will talk about their roles and contributions and will share their experience to date. Australian Ambassador to the Holy See Chiara Porro will moderate a Q&A discussion with the panellists. Rev. Antonio Spadaro, S.J., will offer an introduction, and Dr. Debora Tonelli will offer the final remarks.

This forum will take place via Zoom. Click on the link to join in this Thursday evening:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88541258972>

CHRISTMAS MASS ASSISTANCE

With the upcoming Christmas Masses and the changes in COVID restrictions, we require Safety Wardens to assist in ensuring all parishioners are registered at each Mass using the parish QR Code. We also require three Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass. Please see the roster for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day on previous page, to see if you are able to assist and contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or at northrocks@parracatholic.org

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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 envelopes to support are available. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

SYNOD OF BISHOPS – HAVE YOUR SAY

What would you say to Pope Francis if you had 10 minutes? Catholics across the world are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops. Find out how to send your message at parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CATHOLICCARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES

Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your donation will help CatholicCare's Houses to Homes to provide a loving sanctuary for young mothers in crisis. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

ARABIC MASS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE

There is an Arabic Mass open to everyone in the Diocese of Parramatta celebrated every Sunday at 7.15pm in St Michael's Church, Blacktown, celebrated by Fr Chadi Ibrahim SDB, Assistant Priest at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. For more information, please contact the parish office on 9622 1125.

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 to send 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>

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.bpoinpoint.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.