



Sunday 9th January , 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year C



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Acting Parish Secretary: Frances Gallagher
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm

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.

All those suffering from Covid.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Snaith,

DECEASED: Rodney Jayatilaka, Ray Wehbe, Snaith Family members, Vaughan Family members .

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

The optional readings for this feast recapitulate the themes of the entire Advent-Christmas season. Within the Christian tradition the voice that announces the future events is associated with John the Baptist. However, the reading itself proclaims the coming and manifestation of the Lord, clearly an Advent theme.

The gospel reading from Luke moves us from anticipation of the coming of the messiah to fulfillment of God's promise. This theme of fulfillment is at the heart of the Christmas message. In the baptism narrative we see that Jesus has come into our midst, not only as a helpless infant, but as our anointed messiah. There is a dimension to this same gospel reading that opens us to a future yet to be fully realized in our lives. The one upon whom the Spirit descends has come to baptize us in that same Spirit.

The reading from Titus is similar to the gospel. Both herald the appearance of Jesus and promise a future fulfillment for us. Renewed by the Spirit, we will be justified and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The readings clearly announce that: the Lord is coming; the Lord has come; the Lord will continue to come to and through us into the whole world. Under all of this rings the melody of God's creative power as seen in the Psalm response. In view of the Isaian passage, God promises to create something new in the wilderness of chaos. There the glory of the Lord will be revealed.



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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

Next Week's Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor: 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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.

8th / 9th January - The Baptism of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Volunteer Required Please	Maria Bietola Minister Required Please	George Germanos
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda Ethan Bertie	Veronica Raic Minister Required Please	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner Michael Nasr	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Marea Mooney 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 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: **Suspended until further notice**

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

15th / 16th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Roger Hook	Lance Parker	Inge Wienker Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Lilia Nuguid Lorraine Murphy	George Germanos
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella	Acolyte required please	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham Jim Kinsella	Chris & Jim Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph Margaret Coakley	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 8: Nat Bertie

PIETY GROUP: **Suspended until further notice**

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



Please
**WEAR
A FACE
MASK**
Help stop
the spread
of COVID-19

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

Some restrictions have been reinstated and apply to Places of Worship. Can we please request for everyone to wear a face mask before entering the Church and continue to register via the Service NSW QR Code app. These are mandatory when attending Mass. 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. For more information on downloading the Services NSW app - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/service-nsw-mobile-app>.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2022

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some current members have resigned after many years of service and we are grateful for their commitment to our community. The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of people, called from and by the community, to foster with the Parish Priest the building up of the Body of Christ and the actualisation of God's Kingdom in our parish of Christ the King. It is a ministry on behalf of and to the parish community enabling members of the community to become aware of their gifts, creativity and needs, and encouraging them to put these into action to build up the community. The Council meets bimonthly and assists the Pastor to set goals and priorities. Any parishioner, over the age of 18 years, is welcome to apply to be a member of the Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council, please contact Fr Ian personally or via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org. If you require further information, please feel free to speak to current or past Parish Pastoral Council members. Your parish needs you!

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are reminded that our own baptism calls us to service and ministry in our community. Due to the effects of Covid 19 and an ageing worshipping demography, our parish needs to renew membership of essential parish ministries.

These include liturgical ministries: readers at Mass, special ministers of the Eucharist, Senior servers (acolytes), welcomers and ushers, musicians and cantors, as well as people to operate the computer for PowerPoint presentations.

We also need assistance with the money counting, altar society and floral decorations, Church cleaning and ministry to the sick.

These ministries are crucial to the life of the parish. Please consider taking on one of these roles to keep our Church alive. Don't think other people can do it. Our baptism calls each of us to participate actively in the life of our Church. Please consider joining one of these ministries and contact the parish office by phone on 9871 8710 or via email on northrocks@parracatholic.org to nominate where you can assist.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY APPEAL

The Church Cleaning Ministry is a wonderful group of dedicated parishioners, whose friendly and pleasant attitude is a great expression of our living faith. We perform a variety of tasks from vacuuming to keeping all areas of the Church and the front paved area, clean and tidy. Each group will carry-out these tasks on nine occasions through-out the year. Please contact either the Parish office on 9871.8710 or Brian Euhus on 9873 5603.

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 mornings & Carlingford West Public School afternoons as well as an SRE Coordinator. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or at northrocks@parracatholic.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! 2022 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR - ONLY \$10

The Columban Art Calendar is a beautiful, iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. Some calendars are still available in the church foyer. Please use the calendar envelope and place in the parish communications box. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2022

On the 19th of June we will celebrate First Holy Communion on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 21st and 22nd of September we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On the 13th and 14th of December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY 2022

The Annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General Fr Peter Williams and clergy of the Diocese on 11 February 2022 at 11am at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. The Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated and will include the Rite of Anointing of the Sick and prayer of blessing for all carers. Refreshments will be available after Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

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. Find information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call 9356 3888 (JRS) or 9727 9290 (HoW).

MASS IN MANDARIN

You are welcome to join the Mass in Mandarin every third Sunday at Our Lady of Angels Church, 1 Wellgate Avenue (Corner Withers Road), Kellyville or live stream on Our Lady of Angels Facebook. The next Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, 16 January at 3pm followed by afternoon tea..

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2022

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin early next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit the website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

SUPPORT MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 at 6am. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au.

TAP TO GIVE

Our Parish 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.