



Sunday 30th January, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinness
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://northrocksatholic.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, Malcolm Bocking, Eric Vaughan, Sandra Neill, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Mimi Jayatilaka, Bev McAppion, Oliver Ofiana, Pat McAppion, Ace Sortisas, Jui-May Lee, Tony Basha, Tina Coorey, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret Martin, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Abraham Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fiona Kyle, Stephen Fung.

ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Lum Trip.

DECEASED:

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.



CREDIT CARD GIVERS

Many thanks to the considerable number of parishioners who contribute to the upkeep of the parish via regular credit card donations. Without your support, particularly during the current pandemic we would have struggled to survive financially. Could those who contribute via this means please notify the parish office if you get a new card or the expiry date changes as, unfortunately, the bank charges us if the details are incorrect. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

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: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor:12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Next Week's Readings: Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor:15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

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.

29th / 30th January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary T

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Gabby Scanlon Zeina Chacty	Veronica Chacty	Lilia Nuguid Maria Bietola	George Germanos
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	Chris & Jim Kinsella	John Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Alik Orgun	Jenny Roddy Marea Mooney	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 1: Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

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

5th / 6th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Ron Ruskin	Sue Veling Zeina Chacty	Veronica Chacty	Frank Lah	Darren Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Bev Johnson Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella	John Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Dawn Peat	Alik Orgun	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 2: Gillian Mobbs, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey



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!

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

A series of presentations, seminars, workshops, discussions and stories designed to invite adults (young and old) to grow and develop in their faith.

Each session begins at 7.00pm and finishes at 8.30pm and is held in the CTK Parish Hall.

Sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions, share thoughts and ideas and learn new stuff.

The aim of the sessions is to further develop a community of mature inquisitive Catholics at Christ the King.

Everyone 16 and over is welcome to participate.

Sunday Night Sessions are to be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November.

A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome.

The first session takes up the invitation from Pope Francis and Bishop Vincent to discuss, and reflect on, the rich idea of **SYNODALITY** and will happen on 13th February from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the CTK Parish Hall.

Subsequent topics to be arranged through discussion with participants.

For more information or if you want to assist with organizing these sessions contact Deacon John through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

INSTALLATION OF NEW TVS IN THE PARISH HALL

On Thursday two new 65 inch smart TVs were installed in the MacKillop Hall for the use of the parish. These were purchased from the Spring Fair money raised some years ago. A very big thank you to parishioner and electrician Tony Chacty for generously donating his time to install these televisions with his apprentice (daughter Veronica).

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. They 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 throughout the year. Please contact either the Parish Office on 9871.8710 or Brian Euhus on 9873 5603.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2022

On 19 June we will celebrate First Holy Communion on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ for children in Year 4 and above.

On 21 and 22 of September we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and above).

On 13 and 14 of December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above).

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS CANCELLED

Due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass that was scheduled for 11 February at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown has now been cancelled. If you have any questions please contact comms@parracatholic.org or 8838 3400.

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your prayers and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS: 3 FEBRUARY

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 3 February at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing mili@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to 8839 8400.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2022

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin in early 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/>.

ONGOING FORMATION FOR ACOLYTES AND MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR

The Office For Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar, presented by Mr Chris Ohlsen, on the 26 February from 9.30am to 3.00 pm at the Bede Heather Centre (*formerly the IFM*), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in your ministry with a special focus on Holy Week celebrations. RSVP by 22 February to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456. Lunch and morning tea provided.

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.