



Sunday 23rd January, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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://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, 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, Jessica Campbell, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sonia Merchant, Abraham Concepcion.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fiona Kyle, Stephen Fung, Mary Magill, Ellsworth Fernando.

ANNIVERSARIES:

DECEASED:

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'



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: Neh 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Cor:12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4,14-21

Next Week's Readings: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor:12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

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.

22nd / 23rd January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson	Dexter Tabeta Sue Veling	Volunteer please	Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs	George Germanos Darren Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	John Secker	John DeCourcy Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy	Chris Kinsella John & Linda Murphy
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Graeme Gardner	Ken Coorey	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Leila Safy 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 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP: **Suspended until further notice**

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

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

	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	Chris Brown John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Chris & Jim Kinsella	Chris Brown 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



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>.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS - WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY AT 9AM

Our parish community will celebrate Mass this Wednesday, 26 January at 9am to mark our national day. The marking of 26 January as an important date in Australia's history has changed over time – starting as a celebration for emancipated convicts and evolving into what is now a celebration of Australia that reflects the nation's diverse people. The date has long been a difficult symbol for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who see it as a day of sorrow and mourning.

We encourage everyone to attend, to express our gratitude for the many gifts which have come to us and this ancient land and to reflect, respect and celebrate the diversity of our nation. We pray for a deeper appreciation of what we have today, not in financial terms but rather what this vast country offers us. It is time to pray for a new wave of grace, especially through the pandemic, so the light of Christ may burn brightly. By being better attuned to the Holy Spirit, there is hope that our Church may be transformed, our relationships healed, and our nation grow in compassion, justice, and a commitment to a better society for all.

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

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.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on 8861 9777, Harris Park on 8861 9757 and Penrith on 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>.

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.

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: 11 FEBRUARY

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.

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 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/>.

POSITION VACANT

Pastoral Formation Facilitator. In this full-time role you will be supporting Catholic communities in the Diocese of Parramatta. Applications close 31 January 2022. For a job description go to catholicoutlook.org/were-hiring-pastoral-formation-facilitator/ or email Deeanne Martin at parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org or www.massforyou.com.au.

ARABIC MASS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE

An Arabic Mass is 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. Mass will resume this Sunday 23 January. For more information, please contact St Michael's parish office on 9622 1125.

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.