



# Sunday 27th February, 2022

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Year C



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
**Deacon:** John Collins  
**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](http://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:

**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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

**Parish Website:** <https://>

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral to be confirmed.

#### IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

**THE SICK:** Ashton Bergan, Frances McKiernan, Lorenzo Zamprognio, Margaret McCaffrey, Helene Graham, Abraham Concepcion, Mimi Jayatilaka, Eric Vaughan, Sandra Neill, Patrick Wheeler, Delia Hipolito, Margaret Martin, Jui-May Lee, Edna Esmero, Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Sonia Merchant, Tony Basha, Jenny Commisso Smith, Oliver Ofiana, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Daniele Donu.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Malcolm Bocking.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Monica Bokeyar, Jabour Haddad, Sylvette Marsh.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

### THE BEGINNING OF LENT MASSES - 2 MARCH

Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass and the distribution of Ashes will be at 9.00 am and at 7.30 pm

During his pontificate, Pope Francis has described Lent in many ways — as a time of recovery, renewal and conversion, a time to receive the love of God and rediscover the direction of life.

In his Lenten message for 2021 the Holy Father reflected, “In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who ‘humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross’ (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the ‘living water’ of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.”

Looking forward, this 40-day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving begins again on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022.

The season of Lent as a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection at Easter is an opportunity for the faithful to undertake the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a means to know Christ better and follow His will more faithfully.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics from the age of 18 to 59, meaning only one full meal and two smaller meals not equal to a full meal are permitted. The Church asks that, if possible, the fast on Good Friday, the “paschal fast,” be continued until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday to honour the suffering and death of Jesus and prepare more fully for His resurrection.

Lent is also the time for the baptized to renew their baptismal commitment, while those who desire to become Catholics enter a process of learning and discernment, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, in preparation for baptism during the Easter Vigil. We pray for Fiona Reid, a Catechumen in this process.

As the three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not meant to be undertaken simply to fulfill the “rules” of Lent. Prayer, from the heart; fasting from those things that interfere in strengthening a relationship with God; and almsgiving with compassion for those in need will make the Lenten journey a fruitful period of renewal. We do the latter through the Caritas Appeal *Project Compassion*.

## PRAY FAST GIVE

#### 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: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor:15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Next Week's Readings: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://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](mailto: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.*

### 26th / 27th February - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty Dexter Tabeta	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice**

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Suspended until further notice**

**COUNTER GROUP:** Counting is on the 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4:** Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

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

### 5th / 6th March - First Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	Inge Wienker Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy Rob Haddad	Alik Orgun	Jenny Roddy

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Suspended until further notice**

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Suspended until further notice**

**COUNTER GROUP:** Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Lent - No flowers

**PIETY GROUP: Suspended until further notice**

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

## COVID UPDATE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

The NSW Government has announced changes in regard to COVID-19 restrictions. Check-in using the NSW QR code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required. Both choir and congregation are able to sing at religious services at our churches. Masks are no longer mandatory for places of worship. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others. Density limits are no longer applicable for our churches.

## LENTEN PROGRAM GROUPS

This year at Christ the King Parish we are offering a Lenten Program for Year C called 'Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent' by Melbourne priest, Michael Elligate, a Garratt publication. Parishioners may like to host groups either physically or virtually via zoom (or something similar). Marianne Dwyer has offered to host a group for those who wish to journey with others during Lent. Times and days can be negotiated. Phone Marianne on 0418 641412. Robert Haddad also hosts a group and can be contacted on 0414 661 038 for details. Those who wish to utilise the program individually are welcome to do so and copies of the program are available today from the church foyer.

## PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to help communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITY BINS

The St Vincent de Paul charity bins located on the parish grounds **have been removed** due to the fact that an inordinate amount of rubbish was being deposited in and outside of the bins which was costing the Society money to dispose of. Also, during the holiday periods, piles of rubbish were being left outside the bin and occupying car parking spaces. If parishioners wish to donate suitable items to the Society, they can take them to the Vinnies Shop, 583 Church Street (cnr Barney St), North Parramatta.

## SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers from Christ the King Parish teach Catholic Scripture to students at North Rocks Public School and Carlingford West Public School. We urgently need volunteers, particularly at Carlingford West (where classes are now held in the afternoons) to help us cover classes this year. If you are able to be part of this rewarding ministry please contact Fr Ian or the Parish Office on 9871 8710. Classes will commence this Wednesday for Carlingford West and next week for North Rocks Public School. Classes at North Rocks Public School are held on Tuesdays from 9:05 to 9:35am; 9:40 to 10:10am; 10:15 to 10:45am. Classes at Carlingford West Public School are held on Wednesdays from 1:15 to 1:45pm; 2:05 to 2:35pm; **2:40 to 3:10pm (urgently needed for Year 5)**.

We use the Christ Our Light and Life Program. Teachers have a handbook which gives detailed notes to follow for each lesson. Students have an Activity Book which has a variety of activities for each lesson.

Training for volunteers is held each year with classes being held either face to face or online.

## THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses will be celebrated at 9.00am and 7.30pm.

## 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. Would 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.

## 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).

## **CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 STARTS THIS WEEK**

Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign starts today, Project Compassion Sunday and leads us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme *For All Future Generations* comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

## **MASTERCLASS FOR MENTOR MARRIED COUPLES: 18 MARCH**

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years; committed to living the sacrament of Marriage; willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join the Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in our Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

## **POSITION VACANT**

- Peace, Justice and Ecology Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta. Applications close Monday 7 March. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment).

## **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 more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS: 9356 3888 or HoW: 9727 9290.

## **PALMS AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL MISSION INFORMATION SESSION: 17 MARCH**

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of their assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond? Join their online forum on Thursday 17 March at 5.30pm via Zoom and hear and engage with a panel of their most experienced program participants. To find out more and to register for the forum, visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) or phone 0422 742 567.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.