



Sunday 6th February, 2022

FIFTH 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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppina Elizabeth Cutrone, Beniamino Cutrone, Hugh Snaith.

DECEASED: Sr Janet Mead RSM, Jovito Gatpatan, Rodney Jayatilaka, Narding Esteral.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.



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: Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor:15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
Next Week's Readings: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor:15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

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.

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	John DeCourcy 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

12th / 13th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Keith Henson	Dexter Tabeta Zeina Chacty	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs	George Germanos
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes John DeCourcy	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham	John Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Acolyte Required	Sam Safy Dawn Peat	Alik Orgun	Marea Mooney	Peter Elchaar

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

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

COUNTER GROUP: **Suspended until further notice**

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: **Suspended until further notice**

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, 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>.

APPOINTMENT OF SEMINARIAN TO OUR PARISH

Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, has appointed David Sebastian to complete the latter part of his formation for the priesthood in Christ the King Parish, North Rocks. Beginning on 19 February he will be working and living in our parish for the next six months. In the coming weeks David will share a little of his story in the parish bulletin. I am sure we will welcome him into our community.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council will take place on 23 February beginning at 7:30pm in CTK school staffroom. There is still time for anyone wishing to join our pastoral council to contact Fr Ian as we are desperately in need of new members. The Council meets bimonthly to discern matters concerning the direction and goals of our parish. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee's next meeting will take place this Thursday, 10 February, in the parish house beginning at 7:30pm

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 13 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.

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.

‘WORD OF GOD’ SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the ‘Sunday of the Word of God’ on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

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 3.00pm 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.

POSITIONS VACANT

- Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
- Graduate Accountant – Diocesan Development Fund, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment.

SYNOD 2023: SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership? Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find! Online submissions close 26 February. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023. Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR TONGA

Tonga needs your prayer 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 to make your donation.

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.