



Sunday 20th February, 2022

SEVENTH 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:

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://>

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fiona Kyle.

ANNIVERSARIES: Faye Donaldson, Ken Abood, Anne Joseph, Ida Joseph, Grace Fedrigo.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Wednesday, 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.

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: 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor:15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Next Week's Readings: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor:15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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.

19th / 20th February - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Sue Veling John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Bev Johnson Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardner	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley

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

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	Peter Hrast	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 5: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

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 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. **From Friday 25 February**, masks will no longer be 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.

APPOINTMENT OF SEMINARIAN TO OUR PARISH

We welcome seminarian David Sebastian to our parish. Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park has appointed David to complete the latter part of his formation for the priesthood in Christ the King Parish, North Rocks where he will work and live for the next six months. Please make him welcome.

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.



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). Parishioners who wish to host such a group please contact the parish office with the time and a contact number so we can advertise for those who wish to journey with others during Lent. Those who wish to utilise the program individually are welcome to do so and copies of the program will be made available next weekend.

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. Whilst we are still awaiting final confirmation it is expected that classes will commence in early March for North Rocks Public School. Carlingford West commences on March 2.

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 Years 3, 4 and 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

ASH WEDNESDAY THIS YEAR IS 2 MARCH

Masses will be celebrated at 9am 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. 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.

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 NEXT WEEK

Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead 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.

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

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 or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

ROUSE HILL PARISH MANDARIN MASS TODAY

The next Catholic Mass in Mandarin celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be held today, Sunday 20 February at 3pm. The Mass will be livestreamed on the parish's Facebook page.

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.