



Sunday 13th February, 2022

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fiona Kyle.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ken Abood, Faye Donaldson, Avedio Qasabian, Grace Fedrigo, Hugh Snaith, Marguerite Wong.

REFLECTION

Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven.

The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.



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.

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 17:5-8; 1 Cor:15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

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

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.

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	Sue DeCourcy	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

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Ministers	COVID Safety Warden
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Sue Veling John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola	George Germanos
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Ken Coorey	Bev Johnson Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Veronica Raic	John Murphy
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardner	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	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 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: **Suspended until further notice**

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



Please
**WEAR
A FACE
MASK**
Help stop
the spread
of COVID-19

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP

Some Covid restrictions still 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

From next weekend, seminarian David Sebastian will be appointed by Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park to work and live in our parish for the next six months. I am sure we will welcome him into our parish. Following is a brief biography from David:

Hi, my name is David Sebastian and I'm in my seventh year of formation at Holy Spirit Seminary, Parramatta. For the next couple of months, I will be experiencing life at Christ the King, living in the parish, as I discern for the priesthood. Giving the briefest of introductions, I grew up in the Hills with my parents and younger sister. Before entering the seminary, I achieved a diploma in public speaking, I've completed a bachelors in philosophy, and currently I'm in my final semester of my theology degree. I enjoy reading, going to the beach, and just playing any sport I can get my hands on. Anyways I can't wait to move in and experience life at Christ the King.

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 this Sunday, 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.

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 at the following times

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 at the following times:

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 for teachers 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

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 IN 2 WEEKS

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.

VINNIES PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. The MVFP will nurture students, who undertake the program, to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel values. For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

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.

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR TONGA

Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Call 1800 024 413 toll free or visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific 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.