



# Sunday 6th March, 2022

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Year C



**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity  
**Deacon:** John Collins  
**Seminarian:** David Sebastian  
**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:**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Chinnamma Antony (Grandmother of Liza Jilesh), Sebastian Mendes (Father of Henry Mendes).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Edith Azzopardi, Eric Bokeyar.

## Bishops call for peace in Ukraine

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge has expressed indignation at what is happening in Ukraine and called for a rejection of the madness of war and a return to reason, saying "the peace of the world is at stake".

"We express our deep compassion for the people of Ukraine and our solidarity with all people of Ukrainian heritage here in Australia," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"It's not enough to condemn the bloodshed, breathe threats and take half-measures. The entire international community – including Australia – needs to do all in its power to stop the violence. This isn't some geopolitical game. Lives are at stake. The lies have to stop. Truth and justice have to prevail if there is to be a future for all of us.

"Ukraine may seem a long way from Australia, but what's happening there is not. Ukraine has become the world which will never be the same because of this militarised barbarism."

Bishop Mykola Bychok, the leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, said there has been growing fear in his homeland in recent weeks. That fear was realised this week.

"Ukraine is a peaceful nation; we don't want war. An escalated Russian invasion will result in many more dead and injured, millions of refugees, more tears and pain," he said.

"This is a question of life and death as nostalgia for an empire lost has led to senseless slaughter and immense suffering throughout Ukraine."

The Russian invasion of Ukraine, a country whose identity long predates the Soviet Union and which has been widely recognised as a sovereign nation since 1991, is also likely to see the freedom of Ukrainian Catholics to practise their faith curtailed.

"This would be all the more bitter for a Church which for 70 years was persecuted and forced underground," Bishop Bychok said.

Archbishop Coleridge stressed that, as with other countries that have known war in recent years, most recently Afghanistan, "a generous response by the Australian government is needed to help people fleeing violence in Ukraine".

Caritas Australia, part of the Church's international aid and development agency, is working with Caritas Ukraine to provide vital humanitarian assistance for the victims of war.

Pope Francis has appealed to those "with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and sisters and not enemies".

"Prayer is more powerful than bombs. So we'll be praying for an immediate ceasefire and a return to reason and negotiation. We're also praying for those who have been killed, wounded or forced to flee," Archbishop Coleridge said.

This Week's Readings: Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Next Week's Readings: Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:

**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.*

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Aubon Fernando	Inge Wienker Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	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 1:** 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

### 12th / 13th March - Second Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Michael Ng	Aubon Fernando	Daniella Dona Dawn Peat	Alik Orgun	Leila Safy

**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:** Lent - No flowers

**PIETY GROUP: *Suspended until further notice***

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Frances Gallagher, Rosemarie Maroon, Paul Cook

## 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.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting will be held this Wednesday 9 March at 7:30pm in the presbytery for all those interested in helping to prepare for the Easter liturgies.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school. Please donate to Project Compassion to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help communities face their challenges and build a better tomorrow



## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the McCarthy family and their sons, Koby and Albie, the MacMillan family and their son Benjamin, and the Saad family and their daughter Ella. May Koby, Albie, Benjamin and Ella's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

## LOCAL MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

Due to the fact that the Diocesan liturgical ministry formation program is oversubscribed we (the parish team) have decided to conduct our own program for Senior Servers (acolytes) and Special Ministers of the Eucharist for the assembly and for the sick. It will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm to 5pm in the Church beginning on 15 March for four weeks. Teachers from the school will also be joining the program. If you would like to take on any of these ministries (and you are eighteen years or older), please email the parish office or connect with one of the parish team.

## LENTEN PROGRAM GROUPS

This year the Parish is 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 and can be contacted on 0418 641 412. Times and days can be negotiated. 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.

## 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 or Church. 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 next session on the 13th March takes up the theme of **Reconciliation** as Tom Peat explores a practical method of promoting and achieving reconciliation.

The April session is on the contemplative method of reading Scripture **LECTIO DIVINA** and is to be presented in the Church by Dawn Peat.

The May session is on **Carmelite Prayer** and is to be presented by Lorraine Murphy OCDS. Details to follow.

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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL NSW FLOOD APPEAL**

The St Vincent de Paul Society has set up a Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal to support affected communities with financial payments as part of the recovery effort. Online donations can be made by logging onto <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-flood-appeal>. Thank you for your continued support of the works of St Vincent de Paul.

## **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).

## **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 on 0412 280 017.

## **EMERGENCY RELIEF TO AID REFUGEES**

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Appeal to aid the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB's) in Ukraine and surrounding communities to bring aid to refugees. In the Ukraine SDB's are working tirelessly, caring for orphans as well as providing shelter and relief to those in need. Salesian Communities in Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic are actively working with local agencies to protect and take care of as many Ukraine refugees as they can, arranging transport and emergency shelter; providing food, baby formula, clean water and generators for heat and cooking; procuring and distributing medical supplies, blankets and personal hygiene items; and so much more. To help support refugees you may wish to donate to the Salesian Missions Australia via: Givenow:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionemergencyrelief> or phone 03 9377 6060 (Mon-Thur 9am – 3pm).

## **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.bpoin.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.