



Sunday 27th March, 2022 FOURTH 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

Baptisms: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 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: Every 1st & 3rd Sunday during 10am Mass commencing 1st May

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

Website: <https://northrockscatholic.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, Frances McKiernan, 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: David Hemus

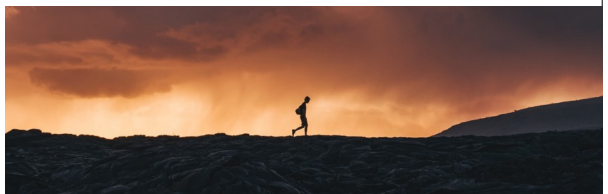
ANNIVERSARIES: Victoriana Castaneda, Karen Euhus.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animositities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually re-enact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS NEXT WEEKEND

SUPPLY PRIEST

This weekend we again welcome Father Paul Hanna who will be celebrating the 10am Mass on Sunday. Father Paul has kindly offered to give some assistance to Fr Ian in the weeks ahead.

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

This Week's Readings: Jos 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Next Week's Readings: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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.

26th / 27th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Inge Wienker John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Veronica Raic Bev Johnson	Volunteer needed	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: To resume on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 1st May

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Christine Kinsella

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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Lent - No flowers

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: : Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus

2nd / 3rd April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Lance Parker	Georgette Rissmiller Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott John DeCourcy	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: To resume on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 1st May

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Anne-Marie Makin, Ken Coorey

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY: Lent - No flowers

PIETY GROUP : Volunteer please

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

COVID UPDATE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

The NSW Government rules in regard to COVID-19 restrictions are as follows:

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 in 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations. Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are available in the church foyer.



THE BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN (DWF) APPEAL

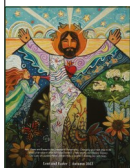
The Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal supports the Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centre. Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Envelopes are available today. Put the envelope with your donation or credit card details on the collection plate or drop them into the communication box in the church foyer.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

The parish liturgy committee is keen to reintroduce live music and singing back to our worship after a long period of utilising recorded music. If there are any musicians and singers who would like to assist the community to worship with music and song, please contact the parish office. We are particularly looking for assistance at the Easter liturgies.

LECTORS REQUIRED

Volunteers are required to assist in proclaiming the Passion gospel at the three Palm Sunday Masses and at the Good Friday 3pm celebration of the Passion of the Lord. These readers would be required to attend a practice session in the church a week prior to the scheduled celebrations. For Palm Sunday readers, they would be required to practice in the church at 10:30am on Saturday 2nd April and for Good Friday readers, a practice is scheduled on Saturday, 9th April at 10:30am. Please contact the parish office if you would like to take part in either of these ceremonies.



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK LENT/EASTER EDITION OUT NOW

Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. The magazine features a range of articles on choosing your next step in life as well as how the faithful across the Diocese celebrate Holy Week. An article titled 'Making Time for Our Mothers' features our seminarian, David Sebastian. Copies are available from the church foyer.

LOCAL MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

Our Ministry Training Program continues this Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm in the church for those wishing to serve as Senior Servers (acolytes) and Special Ministers of the Eucharist for the assembly, and for the sick. This is the third of a four week program.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TO RESUME

Children's Liturgy will recommence in Term 2 at the 10am Mass and will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from Sunday, 1st May. We need volunteers to take the children to the Parish Hall at the start of the Mass for their special liturgy. If you would like to go onto a roster to assist with this special ministry, please contact the parish office and leave your details.

PARISH BOOKSHOP NOW OPEN

The Parish Bookshop now available. Those who were previously on the Bookshop roster are asked to open the shop to parishioners at the weekend Mass you attend, on a voluntary basis.

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).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIOCESE ARE ENROLLING NOW!

Over 80 Catholic schools are enrolling now for 2023. You are invited to an open day to learn more and see what a Catholic education can offer your child. Find your local Catholic school and it's open day at <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/whats-on/coming-up/catholic-school-open-days>.

DR LAURIE WOODS GOSPEL STUDY SERIES: STARTING 29 APRIL

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29th April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com

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.

REFLECTION MORNINGS 2022 AT HUNTERS HILL

Reflection Mornings on the first Saturday of the month from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill. The next event is on 2nd April with Sr Leone Pallisier OSU. No bookings needed. Tea/coffee provided. More information at www.catalystforrenewal.org.au or phone Carole on 9869 1036.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE APPEAL

Caritas Australia's long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine at www.caritas.org.au/Ukraine or 1800 024 413 toll free.

POSITIONS VACANT - DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

- * Administration Support – Formation for Mission, Mission Enhancement Team. Applications close 10pm on 28 March
- * Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team. Applications close 10pm on Sunday 10 April.

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.