



# Sunday 13th March, 2022

## SECOND 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:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

**Phone:** 9871 8710

**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto: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, 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:** Lorenzo Zamprogno

(funeral Mass to take place on Thursday 17

March at 10:30am at CTK church), Garry Brown.

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

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.



## 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,

## 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: Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

Next Week's Readings: Ex 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**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.*

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad	<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>	Rosanne Vaughan	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 1:** 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, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook

### 19th / 20th March - Third Sunday of Lent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Veronica Raic
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Alik Orgun	Marea Mooney

**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 3:** Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

## 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.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.



## ATTENTION MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

The parish liturgy committee is keen to reintroduce live music and singing back to our worship after a long period, due to Covid, 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 for the Easter liturgies.

## 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.

## LECTORS REQUIRED

Volunteers are required to assist in proclaiming the Passion gospel at the 3 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.

## 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 a few copies of the program are still 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 session on tonight 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.

## **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 commencing on 5 March with Br Julian McDonald cfc. No bookings needed. Tea/coffee provided. More information at [www.catalystforrenewal.org.au](http://www.catalystforrenewal.org.au) or phone Carole on 9869 1036.

## **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 working with local agencies to protect and take care of as many Ukraine refugees as they can, arranging transport and shelter; providing food, clean water and generators for heat and cooking; distributing medical supplies, blankets 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).

## **POSITIONS VACANT AT AMBROSE ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL AGE CARE (OSHC)**

Seeking people of all ages to facilitate activities as part of a supportive team in our Catholic schools' before and after school care. Fulltime, part-time, casual and permanent positions available. Leadership roles and traineeships offered. Attractive wages. To apply or learn more about these roles: [linktr.ee/CDPSLFireflyHR](mailto:linktr.ee/CDPSLFireflyHR) or [apply@fireflyhr.com.au](mailto:apply@fireflyhr.com.au).

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIOCESE ARE ENROLLING NOW!**

Over 80 Catholic schools are enrolling now for 2023. Come along 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>.

## **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.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](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.