



# Sunday 20th March, 2022

## THIRD 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:** 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:**

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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, 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Victoriana Castaneda, Karen Euhus.

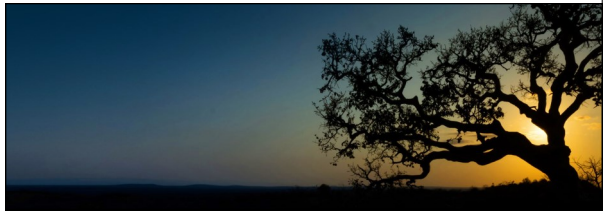
## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.



## SUPPLY PRIEST

This weekend we welcome Father Paul Hanna (well known to many of our Lebanese parishioners - he is related to some of you) who will be celebrating the 8am Mass this weekend. David Sebastian, our seminarian, will be sharing some reflections on the scriptures at that Mass. 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: Ex 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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

**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.*

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy 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:** To resume on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 1st May

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

### 26th / 27th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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## **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**

Janice is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the church foyer.



## **BAPTISM WELCOME**

We welcome the Dumble family and their son, Jimmy. May Jimmy's baptism next weekend be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless his parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

## **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.

## **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.

## **FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

This coming Friday, 25 March the church celebrates the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Mass is celebrated at 9:15am on this day.

## **LOCAL MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM**

Our Ministry Training Program continues this Tuesday evening at the new time of 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 second of a four week program.

## **THE BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN (DWF) APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND**

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 for you to take home today and return with your donation next weekend.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA CATECHUMEN**

Congratulations to Fiona Reid, who will be presented with a copy of the Creed during the 10am Mass today. Please support and pray for Fiona as she journeys on her road to baptism at the Easter Vigil.

## **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.

## **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>.

## **LENTEN PROGRAM**

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. A few copies of the program are still available today from the church foyer for those who wish to utilise the program individually.

## **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](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).

## **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.