



Sunday, 17th April, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 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
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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 8.00am
Sunday 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9:15am
Saturday 9.00am

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: Janice Burgin, Ireneusz Dybal.

ANNIVERSARY: Richard Jeffree.

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week elicits from us a variety of emotions. From the exuberance of Palm Sunday and the joy of the institution of the Eucharist on Thursday to the sorrow of Good Friday and Our Lord's Passion and Death. Now we rejoice in the presence of our Risen Saviour who overcomes death and gives us all the hope of everlasting life.

The Easter season is a time of new beginnings. With this newness comes the responsibility to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ. The Lord declares "Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 1:3). We must witness to Christ by our faith, by our actions. May we always be reminded of his great sacrifice for us and seek to serve Him more each day. St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, told his people at Easter time: "If we were silent about the joy that comes from the risen Jesus, the very stones of our cities would cry out. For we are Easter people and 'alleluia' is our song."

A big thank you to all who have helped plan and assisted in any way in the Holy Week liturgies which we have celebrated.

Wishing you a Holy and Spirit filled Easter.

Fr Ian T. McGinnity, P.P.
Deacon John Collins
Seminarian David Sebastian



SYMPATHY

Long-time parishioner Jan Burgin passed away on Monday at Aminya Nursing home, Baulkham Hills. Her funeral will take place at Magnolia Chapel, Macquarie Park on Thursday 21st April at 1.00pm. It will be celebrated there to allow Stan, her husband, to attend, accompanied by a nurse, with the burial and wake to follow. It will be live streamed. We extend our sympathy to Stan and their children, Suzanne and Joanne, and their families.

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: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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.

16th / 17th April - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
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| Saturday 5.30pm | George Germanos | Sue DeCourcy | Gabby Scanlon Dexter Tabeta | Veronica Chacty | Lorraine Murphy |
| Sunday 8am | Christine Kinsella | Peter Bosci | Julie Elliott Danielle Dona | Jo-Anne Castaneda | Jim Kinsella |
| Sunday 10am | Ellen Vaughan | Aubon Fernando | Rob Haddad Danielle Dona | Alik Orgun | Leila Safy |

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Mario Azzopardi

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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP : Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Julie Bechara

23rd / 24th April - Second Sunday of Easter

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 5.30pm | Julie Hook | Peter Hrast | Sue Veling John DeCourcy | Veronica Chacty | Maria Bietola |
| Sunday 8am | Chris Brown | Ken Coorey | Bev Johnson Veronica Raic | Trish Yates | Lorraine Murphy |
| Sunday 10am | 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: Ken Coorey, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP : Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who were involved in preparing and celebrating the Easter liturgies. These include and are not limited to: members of the parish liturgy committee; Church cleaners; Barbara Haddad our sacristan; Rosemary Wickham (who cleans the church linen and sacred vessels), floral arrangers, Lesley and Peter Bosci (decorating the church and preparing the Paschal candle); Ken Coorey (preparing the Easter fire); the team of people that provided refreshments and coffee after Mass; Michael and Trish Yates for organising and leading the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning, the musicians and various choirs, the people who have their feet washed; the readers, ushers and acolytes who fulfilled their ministries during the ceremonies. It was a great team effort, and your assistance enhanced these most important days of celebration and reflection.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes and envelopes. If you have not already done so, please return your boxes to the church or drop your Project Compassion box into the parish office on weekdays during office hours.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)

In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for baptised Catholic children eligible to receive the next sacrament of initiation (First Holy Communion) into full membership of the Church.

Children in Year 4 or above who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish Masses (Sat 5:30pm, Sun 8am and 10am) on the weekend of 18th /19th June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (children not required) on Wednesday, 4th May commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Church, where the program and enrolment procedure will be explained and any questions answered. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is essential that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome Fiona Reid into the Catholic Church here at North Rocks, having been Baptised, Confirmed and received her First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate her and thank her for undergoing the RCIA preparation and pray that she will continue to grow in her love of God within this community of faith. We also thank Dawn Peat for being her sponsor.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter offerings are placed in a common fund which pays: Priest Salaries, Domestic needs of the presbytery, Housekeepers salary and contributes to the retirement plan for sick and aged priests. Please contribute as generously as you can.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection is used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. This year the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so Catholics around the world are asked to be as generous as possible.

ANZAC DAY MASS

On Monday, 25 April, Anzac Day, Father Ian will celebrate Mass at 9.00am on the Public Holiday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to seminarian David Sebastian who turns 24 on Wednesday 20 April.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TO RECOMMENCE AT CHRIST THE KING

Children's Liturgy will recommence from Sunday, 1st May at the 10.00am Mass and will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We invite all children from Kindergarten to Year 5 to meet, participate and make new friends.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2022

On 19 June we will celebrate First Holy Communion 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).

BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE 2022

Bishop Vincent has released his video message for Easter 2022 to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta. The letter can be watched on YouTube on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i2ONDyCH1c> or read via <https://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-s-easter-message-for-2022/>.

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.

PARISH BOOKSHOP NOW OPEN

The Parish Bookshop is 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.

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.

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.bpoinpoint.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.