



Sunday, 3rd April, 2022

FIFTH 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 MacKillip 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: Ireneusz Dybal (Funeral on Tuesday 12th April at 11am), Sandra Papallo.

ANNIVERSARY: John Sidney Vaz.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-



CREDIT CARD GIVERS

Many thanks to the considerable number of parishioners who contribute to the upkeep of the parish via regular credit card donations. 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, the bank charges us if the details are incorrect. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS THIS WEEKEND

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: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
 Next Week's Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

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.

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 Bev Johnson	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Dawn Peat	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

9th / 10th April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty Reader needed	Veronica Chacty	Eucharistic Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Alik Orgun	Jenny Roddy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Lent - No flowers

PIETY GROUP : Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Estela Li, Myrna Santiago, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

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.

EASTER LITURGIES

HOLY THURSDAY	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
GOOD FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross at 10.00am Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm
HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL	5.30pm
EASTER SUNDAY	8.00am & 10.00am

PALMS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Due to restrictions on the commercial cutting of palms, the parish no longer purchases palms for Palm Sunday. While some palms are generously supplied by a parishioner, we ask that, if you have a palm or olive branch in your yard, please bring it to Mass with you next weekend.



RCIA - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

This Sunday morning at the 10.00am Mass, our RCIA catechumen, Fiona Reid, will be presented with the Lord's Prayer. Please keep Fiona in your prayers in the lead up to her baptism at the Easter Vigil.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Shaniella, from the Solomon Islands, was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.

Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are available in the church foyer.



THE BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN (DWF) APPEAL

Thank you to all who gave to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal last weekend. For those who were away last week, envelopes are still available in the church foyer. Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued by the Parramatta Diocesan Office before the end of financial year.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Iping family, David and Belinda and their daughter Primrose. May Primrose's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their daughter in the Christian faith.



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.

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.

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 10th April is on the contemplative method of reading Scripture **Lectio Divina** and is to be presented in the Parish Hall by Dawn Peat.

The May 15th 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

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 help, 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 rite 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).

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.