



Sunday, 10th April, 2022 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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
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 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am (Cancelled this week)

Friday 9:15am (Cancelled this week)

Saturday 9.00am (Cancelled this week)

Parish Address:

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Phone: 9871 8710

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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: Ireneusz Dybal (funeral this Tuesday at 11am), Sandra Papallo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Olga Gialanze, Allen O'Hara.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a savior who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

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



RECONCILIATION

Christ the King Parish on Saturdays at 9.30am

2nd Rite at St Michael's, Baulkham Hills this Monday at 7.30pm.

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 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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.

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	Inge Wienker Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Danielle Dona 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

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
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

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



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Please return your Project Compassion boxes on Thursday evening for the Mass of the Last Supper or at any time thereafter.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS THIS THURSDAY

PALMS FOR THIS 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 this weekend.



SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS THIS WEEKEND

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 this Sunday, 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 **Glimpses of the Carmelite Way** and is to be presented by Lorraine Murphy OCS.

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 10.00am 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.

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).

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 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.

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.

PENTECOSTAL RETREAT

The Retreat will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday, 22nd May from 10am to 3.00pm in the Cloister Function Room. Presenters are Fr Chris del Rosario and Annette Hartman. RSVP required for catering and Covid-19 purposes to enquiry@stpatrikscathedral.com.au or the Cathedral Office on 8839 8412.

ALL ARE WELCOME WORKSHOP

This is a special workshop designed for parish people to welcome and engage newcomers to our churches. To be held at Glenwood-Stanhope Parish, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens on Tuesday 19th April at either 10 - 11.30am or 7 - 8.30pm. RSVP essential to met@parracatholic.org.

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.