



Sunday, 24th April, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: 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,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Ray Weaver, Janice Burgin.

ANNIVERSARY: Nguyen Van Nu.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations.

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.



ANZAC DAY MASS

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

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 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

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.

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	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Ken Coorey	Bev Johnson Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Sue DeCourcy	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

30th April / 1st May - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Volunteer needed	Keith Henson	Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Ken Coorey	Dawn Peat Sam Safy	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Erin Wynne, Terri Hirschhorn

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP : Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

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.

CATECHIST URGENTLY NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLASS

We are in urgent need of a volunteer to teach Year 5 Catholic students at Carlingford West Public School for 30 minutes on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.40pm. Classes will resume for the second term on Wednesday, 4th May. If you can assist or you need more information please phone the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or email northrocks@parracatholic.org.



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 (Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TO RECOMMENCE NEXT SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy will recommence from next 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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you whole-heartedly for your generosity and support for Catholic Care's Community Drop-in Centres. A total of \$10,700 was collected for this appeal by the parishioners of Christ the King. Because of your kindness, Catholic Care can provide welcoming places for everyone in our community. And thanks to your compassion, Catholic Care can reach more of our vulnerable neighbours who may be isolated and in need of support. Thank you for being a Good Samaritan and for loving your neighbours in need.

PARISH PIETY STORE (BOOKSHOP) NOW OPEN

The Parish Piety Store is now available. Those who were previously on the 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 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).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place next Wednesday, 27th April at 7.30pm in the CTK School staffroom.

PARISH LITURGY MEETING

This meeting has been moved to Thursday, 28th April at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

DIOCESAN "LAUDATO SI' ACTION CAMPAIGN" LAUNCH: 22 APRIL

On Friday 22nd April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta will respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will invite all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit parracatholic.org/laudatosi from 22nd April to download the launch video and for further information.

DR LAURIE WOODS GOSPEL STUDY SERIES: STARTING 29 APRIL

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29th April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com.

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.

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.

CELEBRATE THE DIOCESAN REPORT TO THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS: 1 MAY

On May 1 all are invited to celebrate the final document of the Diocese of Parramatta submissions to the Synod of Bishops 2023. Join Bishop Vincent at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills for this special gathering at the 9:30am Mass. For catering purposes and to RSVP email met@parracatholic.org. For more information visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/>.

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.