



Sunday, 1st May, 2022

THIRD 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

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

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: Janice Burgin, Fr Ray Waever.

ANNIVERSARY: William Lum.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the Church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the Church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.



CONGRATULATIONS

Many thanks to Rosemary Wickham, Lorraine Murphy and Mariana Tomasovic who completed a training course to become Senior Servers and who will be installed this weekend. Also congratulations to Fadia Sleiman, Jecy Vaz and Caroline Thuriratnam who will be commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

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 5:27-32,40-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52; Rv 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	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

7th / 8th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Keith Henson	Dexter Tabeta Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Bev Johnson John DeCourcy	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy Sarah Cook	Alik Orgun	Cate Joseph

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: To take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP : Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, 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.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Thank you to Lorraine Murphy who has offered to teach Year 5 Catholic students at Carlingford West Public School. However, we still need catechists in both North Rocks public school and Carlingford West public school. If you can assist or you need more information please contact the Parish Office.



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.

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. 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 15th May is *Glimpses of the Carmelite Way* and is to be presented by Lorraine Murphy OCS.

The June session on June 12 is *Ignatian Discernment* and is to be presented by Deacon Rod Pirota. 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.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Vasconcelos family, Nelson, Emily and their son Liam. May Liam's baptism 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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

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.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP

The Parish Pastoral Council, on Wednesday evening, discussed whether it was possible to restart the Good Neighbour Group which filled a vital role for seniors in our area to socialise and connect with one another, meeting fortnightly until Covid 19. Are there any parishioners willing to assist in re-establishing this group which supports senior citizens in our community? Please contact the parish office if you could give of your time to form a group to facilitate this.

PARISH REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish Pastoral Council is interested in encouraging a parish refugee support group, particularly in the light of the war in the Ukraine as well as other conflict spots around the world. If you would be interested in becoming a member of such group please contact the parish office.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: 1 SEPTEMBER

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on 1st September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 20th August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

SYDNEY ALLIANCE PARRAMATTA FEDERAL CANDIDATES FORUM

Thursday 5th May at 6:30pm for 7pm-8:30pm at Parramatta Mission Hall, 119 Macquarie St Parramatta. Cost: free. This will not be a 'debate' format. The guidelines are "courteous accountability" and "engaged citizenry". Each candidate will have 4 minutes for their general pitch. Following this will be set questions and stories shared on key areas. Those key areas were prioritized at an Alliance listening process convened in late April with 55 local community leaders. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-parramatta-federal-candidates-forum>.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS FOR JRS

Donations of good quality hand bags and giftware are requested to make up Mother's Day gift packs for clients of the Jesuit Refugee Service. Please place donations in the box at the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TO RECOMMENCE THIS SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy will recommence this 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).

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.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 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.