



# Sunday, 15th May, 2022

## FIFTH 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](http://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:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

**Phone:** 9871 8710

**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)

**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:** Peter Reiter, Natalie De Maria, Frances McKiernan, Eric Vaughan, Margaret McCaffrey, Jenny Commisso Smith, Mimi Jayatilaka, Sandra Neill, Helene Graham, Abraham Concepcion, Patrick Wheeler, Margaret Martin, Sonia Merchant, Jui-May Lee, Tony Basha, Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Oliver Ofiana, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey,

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Theresa Catolico, Leon Flood.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Bill Costello.

**DECEASED:** John & Maree George.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Many thanks to Lorraine Murphy who completed a training course to become a Senior Server and who will be installed at the 8.00am Mass this weekend.

## 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.

## 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 14: 21-27; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35  
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://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](mailto: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.*

### 14th / 15th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller Inge Wienker	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Alik Orgun	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook, Terri Hirschhorn, Rachel Parnabyo

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Mario Azzopardi, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

**PIETY GROUP:** Volunteer please

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Mark & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

### 21st / 22nd May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad Sue Veling	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown	Jim Kinsella	Veronica Raic Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Alik Orgun	Marea Mooney

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, Ken Coorey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8:** Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Volunteer please

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6:** Estella 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.

## **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. The class has been cancelled till we can find someone who is willing to pass on the faith to these children. If you can assist or would like more information, please phone the Parish Office.

## **FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Registration has now closed for those families wishing to undertake the program for 2022. Resource materials for the program should be collected from the parish office this week on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th May from 9:00am to 3:00pm. If you are unable to collect the materials during this time, please contact the parish office to arrange another mutually suitable time. A reminder that the children will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three Masses next weekend: 21st (5:30pm) /22nd May (8am & 10am). It is critical that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for some legitimate reason. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the **18th (5:30pm)/19th June (8am & 10am), fittingly on the feast of Corpus Christi.**

## **SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION THIS SUNDAY**

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 OCDS.

The June session on June 12th is *Ignatian Discernment* and is to be presented by Deacon Rod Pirotta. 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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## **GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP**

The Parish Pastoral Council has 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.

## **FEDERAL ELECTION**

We pray for our nation that goes to the polls next Saturday to vote for our new federal government. May we vote thoughtfully and with maturity for the common good of all who live in this land.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY HAS RESUMED**

Children's Liturgy has resumed 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).

## **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](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org).

## **BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS SR PATRICIA FOX nds: 27 MAY**

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown from 7pm to 9pm.

Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks. Limited seats. Bookings essential via email at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

## **SAVE THE DATE - TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION EVENING: 20 JULY**

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm. More details will follow in June.

## **FERTILITY AWARENESS - A HOLISTIC MEDICAL APPROACH LIVE WEBINAR**

Join in an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™ Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of the Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine at 7:30pm on Thursday, 19th May. The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility. Places are limited for this free webinar, so register early: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fertility-awareness-a-holistic-medical-approach-live-webinar-tickets-336841932287>.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.