



Sunday, 8th May, 2022

FOURTH 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, Eric Vaughan, Margaret McCaffrey, Jenny Comisso 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: Anthony Bietola (brother of Sam Bietola), John Griffin.

ANNIVERSARY: Richard Dias.

DECEASED: Olga & Marshall DeSouza, Zofia, Bolestow & Jan.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.



SUPPLY PRIEST

Many thanks to Monsignor John Boyle (former parish priest of Castle Hill and former Rector of Domus Australia in Rome) for supplying this weekend whilst Father Ian is away celebrating his nephew's wedding.

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 13:14,43-52; Rv 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30

Next Week's Readings: Acts 14: 21-27; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

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.

7th / 8th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Keith Henson	Liza Jilesh 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, Ken Coorey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus

14th / 15th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Mary Cook, Rachel Parnaby

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

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 this Wednesday, 11th May. If you can assist or you would like more information, please phone the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or email northrocks@parracatholic.org.

FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening in the Church which outlined the program for this year for children in year four or above who have made their First Reconciliation. To register your child for the program please go online <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/> to register. **Registration will close on Friday, 13th May.** Resource materials can be collected from the parish office on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th May from 9am to 3pm. 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 weekend Masses: 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 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 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.

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.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL THANK YOU

A letter has been received from Fr Mario Debattista on behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land to thank you for your generous contribution of \$1772.35 to the Good Friday Holy Land Appeal for 2022.

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).

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS SEEKING NEW SINGERS

If you are a good singer and you sing tenor or bass, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is looking for you. The Cathedral Choir is seeking male voices, but recruitment is open to all, with paid and voluntary places available. Paid scholas are remunerated at between \$2500 and \$4000 per annum, depending on attendance. Hear more of the Cathedral choir at [facebook.com/choirSPC](https://www.facebook.com/choirSPC). Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest at <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S>.

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.