



Sunday, 29th May, 2022

THE ASCENSION 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

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: 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, Oliver Ofiana, Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stan Burgin (Funeral Mass at CTK at 10:30am on Tuesday 7th June), Sr Sarah Carpenter OCD, Fr Eric Hodgens.

DECEASED: Neil O'Hara, Doreen Ulbrick

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

FOLLOWING THE 8AM & 10AM MASSES



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 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16,23-26

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.

28th & 29th May - The Ascension of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sam Safy Rob Haddad	Alik Orgun	Leila Safy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Christine Kinsella, Peter Bosci, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Julie Bechara

4th & 5th June- Pentecost Sunday

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Alik Orgun	Jenny Roddy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Christine Kinsella, Ken Coorey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemarie Maroon, Paul Cook

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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS IN HARRIS PARK

The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raises funds so that our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park can prepare men, like our seminarian David Sebastian, to become his disciples and priests. On their journey to the priesthood, seminarians are formed with the people and for the people, not for themselves. With the prayers and support from our faith community our Diocese can continue to train more visionary young men in becoming beacons of Christ's light for the people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. Envelopes are available this weekend and donations are tax deductible. Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their journeys.

UNUSED LAPTOPS AND MACBOOKS NEEDED

Do you have an unused laptop (up to 5 years old) or a Macbook (up to 7 years old), computer, desktop or chromebook that you don't need? Through the Jesuit Refugee Service, these devices directly help refugees and people seeking asylum or accessing employment, education and training opportunities. They can be left in the church foyer or parish office for collection by a volunteer of JRS. It would assist greatly if you could wipe your machine and remove passwords before dropping them off.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend parishioners are invited to take an enrolment card of the First Communion Candidates and pray for the child and his/her family during the program.

UPDATE

David Sebastian will be concluding his pastoral placement at Christ the King parish on June 8th. In consultation with seminary authorities, David is discerning his future vocation. We wish him well in this process and will continue to keep him in our prayers. We thank him for his ministry with us since the 19th February.

CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLASS

We are in urgent need of volunteers to teach Years 5 and 6 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.

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 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.

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).

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION: 5 JUNE

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW and CCR Parramatta will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5th June at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit", with Prayer & Praise at 1:30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4:30pm. Enquiries email@ccrnsw.org.au or 0411 404 090 or 0431 778 476.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: 1 SEPTEMBER

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on 1st September 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 the Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

PENTECOST SCRIPTURE EVENING: 1 JUNE

You are invited to a night of prayer, scripture and reflection on the theme of Pentecost! The evening will be held on Wednesday 1st June at 6:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown and led by Dr Michele Connolly rsj. To RSVP, please email Tanya at met@parracatholic.org.

MASS FOR NEOPHYTES: 2 JUNE

The annual Mass for Neophytes will be celebrated on 2nd June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm. This Mass will be for the RCIA teams and parishes, and the newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, marking the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. All are welcome. Please RSVP for seating and catering purposes by 30th May to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

PENTECOSTAL RETREAT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: SATURDAY 4 JUNE

In preparation for the Feast, the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish invites you to a Pentecost Retreat on Saturday 4th June from 10 am to 3:00pm at the Chapel/Cloister. RSVP required for catering: Email: secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au or phone St Patrick's Cathedral office on 8839 8412.

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.