



Sunday, 31st July, 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
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: The 1st & 3rd Sundays during 10am Mass (excluding school holidays)
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
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: Ingrid Wulf, Brian Johnson, Warren Johnson, Natalie De Maria, Peter Reiter, Eric Vaughan, Margaret McCaffrey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Jenny Commisso Smith, Abraham Concepcion, Sandra Neill, Helene Graham, 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: Betty Waddell (Funeral Thursday 4th Aug, 2pm at CTK), Charles Bonney.

ANNIVERSARY: Monica Bokeyar.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!



WELCOME TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

We welcome Monsignor John Boyle, who will be celebrating the three Masses this weekend, and to Fr Bob Anderson who will celebrate Saturday morning Masses while Fr Ian enjoys a long overdue 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 and in service to one another.

This Week's Readings: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Next Week's Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-28-19; Lk 12:32-48

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 & 31st July - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Gabby Scanlon Inge Wienker	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Lorraine Murphy	Sam Safy Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Christine Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham, Peter Bosci

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

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

6th & 7th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Phil Trainor	Inge Wienker Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Bev Johnson Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Mariana Tomasovic	Liza Jilesh Sarah Cook	James Ryan	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

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



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 21st September commencing at 7:30pm. In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy we are conducting a parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for the children to receive this sacrament.

A pre-requisite of children being confirmed is that they have already received First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised in Eastern Rite (e.g. Maronite, Melchite, Ukranian, Chaldean etc.) may

have already been confirmed at Baptism and do not need to participate in this programme if this is the case.

Children in **Year Five and above** are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Registrations are now open. To register your child, please go online to the parish website using the following link: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/> and scroll down to the Confirmation link. **Registrations close on Friday, 5th August.**

PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE

To commemorate and celebrate (belatedly due to Covid) the fifty years of our parish existence (the parish was instituted on 3 February 1970 and Father Eric Burton appointed the first parish priest) the parish will celebrate the Eucharist, presided over by Bishop Vincent, on Saturday, 19th November at 5:30pm, the feast of Christ the King. After the Mass supper will be shared in the parish hall.

The committee would like to particularly invite former parishioners, who may have moved from the parish, to attend this celebration so please, via the community grapevine, let them know. For catering purposes, it would be helpful to know whether you can be in attendance so please notify the parish office via email if you are definitely attending.

All are welcome to celebrate this significant milestone in the life of our community. More details will follow.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul is holding its annual Winter Appeal after all Masses THIS WEEKEND. This money is used to provide food vouchers, clothing, furniture and help with bills to the very needy in our community. Drop your donation in the Vinnies Bucket as you leave the church. Envelopes are available for those who would like a tax deduction. All donations will be greatly appreciated.



SUGGESTION BOX

To help our Parish Council to continue to serve our community, we would like to invite you to place any suggestions you might have into the Parish Communication Box at the back of the church (to the left of the main entrance). Suggestions might include ideas about building our community, youth initiatives, ways to help serve parishioners, social justice ideas and anything you can do to help the parish. All suggestions will be looked at and considered although may not be achievable immediately. Please include your name and number so that we can contact you should we need to.

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 or Church. 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 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 August 14th session is on *Laudato Si': Care for the Earth, Care for the Poor* and is to be presented by Sue Martin from EcoJesus. Explore the call to have an ecological conversion embracing an earth spirituality which extends our love of neighbour to include whole of creation. <https://godinnature.org.au/>. Explore how we can grow our green hearts caring for our common home, what does an ecological vocation look like, how can we grow the Earthcare community in North Rocks <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/earthcare-parishes/>.

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.

PIETY STORE HELPERS NEEDED.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help out, on a roster basis, with opening the Piety Store after the weekend Mass that you attend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2022

On 21st of September we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and above).

On 13th and 14th of December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above).

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY APPEAL

The Church Cleaning Ministry is a wonderful group of dedicated parishioners, whose friendly and pleasant attitude is a great expression of our living faith. They perform a variety of tasks from vacuuming to keeping all areas of the Church and the front paved area, clean and tidy. Each group will carry-out these tasks on nine occasions throughout the year, but we need more volunteers. Please contact either the Parish Office on 9871.8710 or Brian Euhus on 9873 5603.

ARE YOU UP FOR FUN, FITNESS, AND FELLOWSHIP?

Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf, Sunday 14 August. Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests and community. Keen to participate in a parish team? Visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations or scan this QR code to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.



THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA IS HEADING TO WYD23 IN LISBON

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal (July 21 – August 11, 2023). Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement at james.camden@parracatholic.org.

PASTORAL FORMATION SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSE: STARTS 11 AUGUST

Are you passionate about the Bible? Looking for a face-to-face introductory program on Scripture? Join Dr Laurie Woods for 4 Thursday nights: 11, 18 and 25 August and 1 September. Each night is hosted from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown). SEATS ARE LIMITED. Register by August 3 via met@parracatholic.org.

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.