



Sunday, 10th July, 2022

FIFTEENTH 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:

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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, Warren Johnson, Natalie De Maria, Peter Reiter, Eric Vaughan, Margaret McCaffrey, Jenny Commisso Smith, Mimi Jayatilaka, Sandra Neill, Helene Graham, Abraham Conception, 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: Antoine Hermens, Christina Barber, Betty Coorey, Fr Kevin O'Grady, Gerard Sullivan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nevenka Pleic, Cecelia Newman, Dora Giacomelli.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.



CREDIT CARD GIVERS

Many thanks to the parishioners who contribute to the upkeep of the parish via regular credit card donations. If you contribute via this means and you get a new card or the expiry date changes can you please notify the parish office. Thank you for your assistance.

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: Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Next Week's Readings: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

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.

9th & 10th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	Georgette Rissmiller Dexter Tabeta	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Volunteer Needed	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Volunteer Needed	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays. No Children's Liturgy

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Rosemary Wickham

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 1: CTK School Mums, Julie Bechara

16th & 17th July - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Dexter Tabeta	Veronica Chacty	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	James Ryan	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays. No Children's Liturgy

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 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook

STELLA MARIS AUSTRALIA SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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 will conduct 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 (Uniate Churches, 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.

The program for preparation will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians on **Wednesday, 27th July commencing at 7.30pm in the Church**, where the program will be explained and any questions answered.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is vital that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes for the 2022/2023 financial year are now available for collection from the church foyer. If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of the parish through the envelope contribution system, please complete the white 'Planned Giving / Credit Card / Debit Authorisation' card that can be found in the church foyer and drop it into the 'Parish Communications Box' beside the inner central doors. Envelopes will be available the following week.

MEETING TO HELP ORGANISE BELATED CTK PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A meeting beginning at 7:30pm will be held in the CTK school staffroom on Wednesday 20th July for interested parishioners to organise a belated Parish Golden Jubilee celebration which will take place on Saturday 19th November, on the feast of Christ the King, at which Bishop Vincent will preside. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend.

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 SESSION TONIGHT

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. Tonight's (Sunday) session on *The History of the St Vincent de Paul Society & The Works of the Society in Today's World* is presented by Rosemary Wickham and Tom Peat. 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 Ecolesuit. 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 CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate baby Rafael Steven Biason who will be baptised today. May his baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless his parents, Steven and Melissa in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

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).

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Seminarian Jack El Khazzi, who had a pastoral placement with us some years ago, is to be ordained to the diaconate (transitional, prior to priesthood) at Saint Bernadette's, Castle Hill on Saturday, 23rd July at 5pm by Bishop Vincent. Please keep Jack in your prayers as he prepares for this significant step in his vocation.

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SERVICES NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION: 11 JULY

Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week this Monday 11th July from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

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. The devices 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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

The Winter Edition of Catholic Outlook is now available. Free copies of this publication can be found on the tables in the church foyer. Take one home with you today.



TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION EVENING: 20 JULY

You're invited to the Annual Tri-Diocese Social Justice Reflection Evening to be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills from 6pm. This year we explore how people across our region have responded to the "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" – the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement. For information or to register: <https://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/>.

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.