



Sunday, 17th July, 2022

SIXTEENTH 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 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: Charles Bonney (Father of Mark Bonney. Funeral Saturday 23rd July at 2:30pm at CTK), Antoine Hermens, Christina Barber, Betty Coorey, Sr Judith Hill RSCJ.

ANNIVERSARY: June Griffiths.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.



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 receive a new card or the expiry date changes, would you please notify the parish office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Next Week's Readings: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Ken Coorey	John DeCourcy	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Volunteer Needed	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, Rosemarie Maroon, Paul Cook

23rd & 24th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Bev Johnson Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Dominic Choi	Leila Safy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy, John Lacey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Bev Poole, Ken Coorey

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, Ukrainian, 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 this 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 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 EcoJesuit. 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 WELCOME

We welcome the Tanedo family, Boyd and Diana and their daughter, Brittney. May Brittney's baptism be a happy and memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her parents 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).

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 machines and remove passwords before dropping them off.

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.

SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST THE KING

The Parish of Christ the King is committed to being a community of safeguarding. This means we have zero tolerance of abuse in any form. As a parish community we promise to do everything we can so no child or other person in our care is harmed. Everyone who works or acts for the parish needs to do training to understand and recognize Safeguarding Standards as an integral part of their understanding of what it means to be engaged in the life of the parish.

All Staff and Volunteers of the parish of Christ the King who work with children and adults at risk are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training focused on protecting the most vulnerable in our community. Included in this group are the Parish Priest, the Deacon, Catechists, Senior Servers, those who provide Hospitality and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

The training is done in a variety of ways, face to face or online, is free and consists of the following three units.

Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards

Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct

Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

For more information contact Deacon John: john.collins@parracatholic.org or <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>.

TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION EVENING: 20 JULY

You're invited to the Annual Tri-Diocesan 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.