



Sunday, 7th August, 2022

NINETEENTH 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Santina & John Bietola.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, 15th August
Mass at 9.00am



WELCOME TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

We welcome Fr Chris Dixon, 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: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Next Week's Readings: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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.

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	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Bev Johnson Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Mariana Tomasovic	Sam Safy 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

13th & 14th August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Zeina Chacty John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Ken Coorey	Bev Johnson Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Gillian Mobbs, Lanny Carter

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Estela Li, Luke Peterson, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus



CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Thank you to the parents who attended the Confirmation information evening and have now registered their child for the Sacramental Program. Children will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three Masses next weekend: Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00am. It is critical that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for a legitimate reason. Enrolment packages are available from the Parish Office for those who were unable to attend the information evening. The Confirmation Program resource materials can be collected from the Parish Office in the week commencing Monday 15th August. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 21st September commencing at 7:30pm.

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 THANK YOU

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of Christ the King Parish who generously donated to the 2022 Winter Appeal. This money will enable them to continue to help the very needy in our community. If you would still like to contribute to the Winter Appeal, there are envelopes at the back of the church near the Poor Boxes. These envelopes can be placed in the collection bags at Mass or in the Communication Box in the church foyer.



FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

As we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop this Monday, please pray for those who continue the work of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross and the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Complimentary prayer cards are available from the tables in the foyer as you leave the church today.

PARISH SURVEY



One of the aims of CTK Parish is to encourage families to connect to the church community and provide a place where our youth can feel safe to explore their faith. One way that we have previously done this is to facilitate a youth group. The Parish Council is investigating whether a youth group of students, aged 10 to 14, which is formed and supported by the parents and the wider community at CTK, might be beneficial again. As a council we value your opinions and support and so are asking you to complete this short form so that we can garner your thoughts on running a youth group at CTK. Please scan the code below or click on this link - [Parish Survey](#). The survey closes 19th August, 2022.

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. 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.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Fioravanti family, Adriano, Alessandra and their daughter Ariela. May Ariela'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.

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 now 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.