



Sunday, 14th August, 2022

TWENTIETH 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, 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: John Westerink (funeral this Wednesday, 17th Aug at 10.30am at CTK), Deolene Fernando (mother of Aubon Fernando), Mary Ai-Chin (mother of May Lee).

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This 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 as well as the Assumption Mass, and to Fr Bob Anderson who will celebrate Saturday morning Masses while Fr Ian continues his 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: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
 Next Week's Readings: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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.

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	Volunteer needed	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

20th & 21st August - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Sue Veling Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Lorraine Murphy	Sam Safy Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Leila Safy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Mary Cook, Rachel Parnaby

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi, John Lacey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Julie Bechara

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENT

Children who have registered for the 2022 Confirmation Sacramental Program will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three Masses this weekend. It is essential that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for a legitimate reason. The Confirmation Program resource materials can be collected from the parish office this week, commencing Monday 15th August. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 21st September with a Liturgy of the Word 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.

PARISH SURVEY - YOUTH GROUP INTEREST



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 (left) or click on this link - [Parish Survey](#). The survey closes 19th August, 2022.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS THIS SUNDAY

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 this week 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.

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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2022

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

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

AFRICA FOOD CRISIS

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

KELLYVILLE PARISH 10TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION WALK: 15 AUGUST

Join Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville's 10th Annual Assumption Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta this Monday 15 August. There will be Holy Mass at the Shrine at 11:30am and the walk begins at 1pm. You may join the walk at any point. Banners and statues are welcome. Register your interest at admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au or call 9629 2595 for catering purposes at the stops along the way.

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.

POSITIONS VACANT

- Personal Assistant, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. Full-time, 12-month position and based at Parramatta. Please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources for further information on 0402 210 055.
- JRS Australia requires a Schools Engagement Officer with a passion for engaging and educating school communities on issues facing people seeking asylum and refugees. To read the job description and apply for the role, please visit <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/JRS/schools-engagement-officer>.

OLMC PARRAMATTA - CLASS OF '90, '91 & '92 30 YEAR REUNION

Saturday 17th September at Parramatta Park Royal. Come and join your old schoolmates and teachers for a reunion for the Classes of 1990, 1991 and 1992. Contact Belinda Clarke (Witter) (1992) belindahildaclarke@gmail.com.

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.