



Sunday, 20th August, 2022

TWENTY-FIRST 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, Sandra Neill, Patrick Wheeler, Jui-May Lee, Abraham Concepcion, Jenny Commisso Smith, Helene Graham, Margaret Martin, Oliver Ofiana, Sonia Merchant, Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Westerink, Peter Crawford, Paul Pitfield.

ANNIVERSARY: Luigi Giacomelli.

DECEASED: Members of the Giacomelli Family.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.



PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE MEETING

The next meeting to discuss the Parish Golden Jubilee will combine with the Parish Pastoral Council meeting and will be held in the CTK School Staffroom this Wednesday, 24th August at 7:00pm. All interested parties are welcome to attend. The Golden Jubilee will be celebrated on Saturday, 19th November.

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: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30
 Next Week's Readings: Sirach 3:17-20; Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Lk 14:1,7-14

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Inge Wienker Liza Jilesh	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

27th & 28th August - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Inge Wienker	Volunteer Please	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Dawn Peat Sam Safy	James Ryan	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Christine Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being the weekend of Sunday 4 September. This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health.

We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons.

This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan. We do hope you enjoy some of the stories we will share about their dedication to their faith community. As you know, our faithful parish priests never truly retire!

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 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

During the Masses last weekend, 38 children were liturgically enrolled in the Confirmation program and will now begin their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, 21st September. This weekend we invite parishioners to take the enrolment card of a Candidate and pray for that child and his/her family during the program.



BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Moses family, Adam, Mary-Anne and their daughter, Mya. May Mya'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.

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 next session will be held on Sunday, 11th September. More 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.

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).

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 recognise 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/>.

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.

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.

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.