



Sunday, 11th September, 2022

TWENTY-FOURTH 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](http://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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)  
**Website:** <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** To be confirmed.  
**IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED**

**THE SICK:** Ingrid Wulf, Sam Bietola, Jui-May Lee, Natalie De Maria, Margaret McCaffrey, Frances McKiernan, Brian & Warren Johnson, Margaret Martin, Tina Coorey, Peter Reiter, Eric Vaughan, Mimi Jayatilaka, Sandra Neill, Patrick Wheeler, Abraham Concepcion, Ace Sortisas, Oliver Ofiana, Jenny Commisso Smith, Helene Graham, Ken Sunderland, Sonia Merchant, Delia Hipolito, Bev & Pat McAppion, Edna Esmero.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Elizabeth Palmer, Judy Gobbels (sister of Annette McNaught), Ai-Chin Mary Lee.

**ANNIVERSARY** Jerry Andre.

**DECEASED:** Beniamino, Carmelina & Gusepina Cutrone, George Cutrone Ira.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.



## CATHOLIC OUTLOOK SPRING/SEASON OF CREATION EDITION OUT NOW

Get your free copy of the Spring edition of Catholic Outlook now. This month, we talk about pilgrimages, the Season of Creation, and focus in on how our parishes are working towards sustainability. Pick up your copy from our church foyer.

## 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: Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Next Week's Readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://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](mailto: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.*

### 10th & 11th September - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Zeina chacty	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Veronica Raic
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Rosemary Wickham	Sam Safy Rob Haddad	Levi Brown	Jenny Roddy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Christine Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus

### 17th & 18th September - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Aubon Fernando	Georgette Rissmiller Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Veronica Raic John DeCourcy	Jo-Anne Cataneda	Caroline Thurairatnam
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Rob Haddad	James Ryan	Jecy Vaz

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Mario Azzopardi, Rosemary Wickham

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Marc & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

## 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.



## DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

Shortly after her death, Pope Francis sent a telegram to offer his condolences to King Charles III for the death of his mother, the UK's longest-serving monarch. The Pope said he joins everyone who mourns her loss "in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises."

Pope Francis also commended "her noble soul" to the mercy of God the Father.

Also in a statement, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, recalled the Queen's promise, on her 21st birthday to devote her life to the service of her people. "Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration," stated the Cardinal.

He expressed his sorrow and his gratitude "for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II."

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have released the following prayer which will be distributed to all Catholic parishes across the country.



For the happy repose of HM The Queen

Almighty God,

You are the author and sustainer of all human life;

grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,

whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands

may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again

in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,

And let Perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,

Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

## 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. The next session is this Sunday, 11th September "The Journey to Nicaea: The early church leading up to the Creed" presented by Deacon John Collins

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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## CONFIRMATION 2022



The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 38 of our parish children in a ceremony officiated by Very Rev Christopher de Souza on Wednesday, 21st September at 7.30pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards this important event in their spiritual life.

### THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY

Bishop Vincent and our Clergy Support Foundation thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$2,900 to care for our retired priests and clergy in ill-health. Your gifts enable the Clergy Support Foundation to nurture our retired priests' physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. If you haven't had a chance to donate, envelopes are available on the seats again today or you can scan the QR code on the poster in the foyer. All donations are tax deductible. Please keep our retired priests in your prayers.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2022

On 21st 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).

### MET WORSHIP FORMATION FOR MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING

MET – Worship will be hosting a formation session for those already active in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying, on Saturday 22 October from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The formation day includes a reflection on the Spirituality of Suffering, Working within Safeguarding Guidelines and the Practicalities of this ministry. Contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org).

### MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE TODAY



The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete is being held today, Sunday 11 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10:30am to 3:30pm. Activities include a White Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, contact Sacred Heart Parish on 9832 3896.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.