



Sunday, 25th September, 2022

TWENTY-SIXTH 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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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, Jui-May Lee, Natalie De Maria, Anthony Sullivan, 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: Sam Bietola, Katalin Hochbaum, Damiano Raschella.

ANNIVERSARY: David Wilkinson.

DECEASED: Narciso, Conchita & Alma Pelayo.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, 19th October at 7:30pm in the parish church.

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: Amos 6:1,4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
 Next Week's Readings: Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-9

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.

24th & 25th September - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad Zeina Chacty	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Ken Coorey	Bev Johnson Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Lorraine Murphy	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Dominic Choi	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Christine Kinsella

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad, Lou Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Luke Peterson, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus, Ryan Brown

1st & 2nd October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Mariana Tomasovic	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Jenny Roddy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Julie Bechara



CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION

Congratulations to the thirty-eight children who were confirmed last Wednesday evening and to all involved in their preparation. This weekend they will receive certificates acknowledging this event at all Masses.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

At all masses this weekend members of the Parish Finance Committee will give a report concerning parish finances. Due to Covid we have been unable, over the past two years, to give such a report, so it is important to update parishioners now. If you have any questions about this report, which is audited annually by the Diocese, please send an email to the committee via the parish office.

GOLDEN JUBILEE VIDEO MONTAGE

As we share a meal together in the hall on 19th November, a PowerPoint will reflect our past. Mike Yates would like to screen a short video that reflects our future. [Our dreams for a better world.](#)

He invites you to be videoed (by himself or another) as you sing the CHORUS ONLY of the song, *We Are Australian* ("We are one, but we are many... we share a dream"). The pre-recorded music will be sent to you or used as Mike films a group of you after Mass or in your home or wherever noises don't distract. If you film with your phone, turn it *sideways*, then record! The image is wider.

Mike would like to include your *dreams*. What will make the world a better place. How will you help: To address peace, climate, equality, clericalism, walking together, those excluded and marginalised etc. Type them or speak them from the heart and send them to him, in about 10 words or less. For example: "Freedom and equality. Not coercion or control". The video will be played as part of our 19th November celebrations. See you there!!

Mike can be contacted on 0423 475 449 or mike.y@iinet.net.au.

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.



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

A meeting will take place on Wednesday, 19 October beginning at 7:30pm in the church for parents/guardians (not children) wishing to enrol their children in the First Reconciliation Program. To be eligible children must be in year three or above. First reconciliation is a prerequisite for children to undertake the other two sacraments of initiation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Information regarding the sacramental program and enrolment will be explained on that evening. It is essential that parents attend this meeting

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. 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 to be 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, on Sunday 9th October is *The Journey to Nicaea: The early church leading up to the Creed* Part 2 and is to be presented by Deacon John.

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.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Today, the Catholic church around the world celebrates the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In 2022, Pope Francis invites us all to join in "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees". You can download the official resource kit for the day from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office at acmro.catholic.org.au. A Mass with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown at 2pm this Sunday. Our parish has an ongoing support group for refugees. If you would like to join please contact Ellen Vaughan via the parish office.

OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING SPRING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring. Full-day training session on Monday 17 October: 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Weekly training sessions on Monday 24 and 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. To register for one of these options, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

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 3:00pm 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.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 30 OCTOBER

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass, followed by a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

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.bpoin.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.