



Sunday, 4th September, 2022

TWENTY-THIRD 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:**

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151  
**Phone:** 9871 8710  
**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto: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, Sam Bietola, Brian Johnson, Warren Johnson, Natalie De Maria, Peter Reiter, Eric Vaughan, Margaret McCaffrey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Sandra Neill, Patrick Wheeler, Jui-May Lee, Abraham Concepcion, Margaret Martin, Jenny Commisso Smith, Helene Graham, Oliver Ofiana, Sonia Merchant, Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Frances McKiernan.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Graham Dixon, Ai-Chin Mary Lee, Jan Goodwin, Ana Matijasic.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Eric Burton, Sylvette Marsh, Jack Goodwin.

## FATHER'S DAY

A Blessing Prayer for all the significant men  
in our lives

God of Kindness and Compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example: those who are dads and granddads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

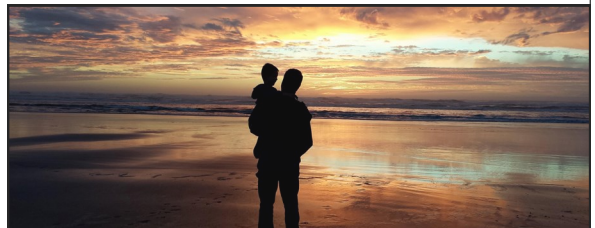
Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers. *Greg Sunter*



#### 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 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Next Week's Readings: Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

**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.*

### 3rd & 4th September - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Bev Johnson Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Volunteer please	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Erin Wynne

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP:** Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Sam Bietola, Roger Brewer

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Julie Hook

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3:** Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

### 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	Sue Veling Zeina chacty	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<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

## **BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL TODAY**

Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day and 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 highlights 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!

Envelopes are available on the seats today. Scan the QR code on the envelope for online donations, fill in the credit card details or put cash in the envelope and place it in the collection bag. Alternatively, take the envelope home with you to complete and return next weekend or put it in the Communications Box in the church foyer.

All donations are tax deductible.

## **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.



## **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, on Sunday, 11th September is "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).

## **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.

## **BABY CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Lisa Hoban (now Garcia) and her husband Andy on the recent birth of their daughter, Maribel and also to proud grandparents Annette and Deacon Tony Hoban.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23**

Copies of the 2022-23 Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement are now available from the church foyer.

## **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).

## **MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE: 11 SEPTEMBER**

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on 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.



## **ST PADRE PIO PARISH FEAST**

St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park invites you to join with them for a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio followed by Mass on Sunday, 25 September at 10am at 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park. Phone 4789 2232.

## **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE DIOCESE OF BROOME**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in various Aboriginal communities for a range of tasks including administration, building maintenance and gardening. Placements are preferred for a period of six months plus. In return, volunteers are offered accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details and an application form, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Janet Ryan on (08) 9192 1060 or email [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org).

## **GLENBROOK PARISH MEMORABLE MELODIES CONCERT: 23 OCTOBER**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Saturday 23 October at 2pm in the parish church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org).

## **PASTORAL FORMATION SACRAMENTS SHORT COURSE: STARTS 6 OCTOBER**

Are you passionate about deepening your appreciation of the sacraments? Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6 and 13 October), discover more with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). Register by September 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>.

## **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.