



Sunday, 23rd October, 2022

THIRTIETH 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**

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
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, Wendy Beirne, Jui-May Lee, Natalie De Maria, Anthony Sullivan, Margaret McCaffrey, Frances McKiernan, Barbara Ison, 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: Anthony Griffiths (Funeral on Tuesday 1 November at 10.15am in CTK Church), Peter Clegg, Sr Joan Keogh RSM.

DECEASED: Bill Costello, Sam Bietola.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND



GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting this Wednesday, 26th October of the Golden Jubilee committee in the Christ the King school staffroom beginning at 7:30pm.

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: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

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.

22nd & 23rd October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Zeina Chacty Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Volunteer please	Mariana Tomasovic	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Gillian Mobbs, Lanny Carter

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales

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

29th & 30th October - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy Sue Veling	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Peter Bosci	Veronica Raic Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Caroline Thursiratnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sam Safy Rob Haddad	James Ryan	Cate Joseph

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Chistine Kinsella, John Lacey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 10.00am: Marea Mooney; 8.00am volunteers needed.

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

The initial meeting for parents was held last Wednesday where the program was explained. Parents can enrol their children for the program online on the parish website until Friday 28 October. Next weekend those children who have been registered will be enrolled in a liturgical ceremony at all Masses: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am. Parents are reminded to bring the enrolment card, filled in, with them to be presented during Mass. If parents were not at the Wednesday evening meeting, they need to collect this card from the parish office.

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.



ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS DAY

Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 1 November at 7:30pm to celebrate the solemnity of All Saints. On the following day, Wednesday 2 November, Masses will be celebrated for the commemoration of the faithful departed on All Souls Day at 9:00am and 7:30pm. The evening Mass on this day will particularly remember those who have died in our parish and whose funerals have been celebrated in the last few years.



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FUNDRAISER SALE FOR GROUP MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP AUSTRALIA

5 & 6 NOVEMBER AFTER ALL MASSES

A group of CTK parishioners is taking part in the Group Mentorship Program run by Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia. They will be mentoring a refugee/refugees and need to raise money to support them. They will be selling plants, baked goods, home and gift wares. Please support this good cause! Hope to see you there! If you would like further information or would like to donate baked goods, please contact Ellen Vaughan via the parish office.

CTK INFANTS AT 10 AM MASS

This weekend we welcome children from Christ the King school in years kindergarten to year two at the 10am Mass.

RESULTS: PARISH SURVEY - YOUTH GROUP INTEREST

The Parish Council would like to thank those parents who completed the survey on whether CTK should start up a Youth Group once again. Although we were able to garner some good insights into the current thinking of parents with teenage children, at the moment there is not enough interest or support to begin a Youth Group.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

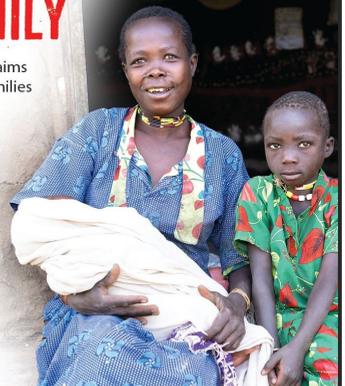
The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST THE KING

The Parish of Christ the King is committed to being a community of safeguarding. 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 recognize 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

To complete this training online go at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>. Each session takes approx. 40 minutes.

Once completed, please email a copy of your certificates to the parish office at northrocks@parracatholic.org.au so the information can be recorded. If you are unable to complete the units online, the following training is available.

OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING SPRING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office for Safeguarding is offering an opportunity to complete your Safeguarding training this spring.

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, please email safeguardingtraining@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. 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.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.