



Sunday, 30th October, 2022

THIRTY-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**
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>

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

THE SICK: Ingrid Wulf, Jui-May Lee, Anthony Sullivan, Natalie De Maria, 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 this Tuesday at 10.15am at Northern Suburbs Crematorium), Wendy Beirne, Sr Joan Keogh RSM, Ben McShane-Hill.

DECEASED: Fred Taouk, Avedis, Bayzar & Levon Qasabian, Sira & Artin Totonjian.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part. Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future.

Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy.

The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

WELCOME TO YRS 3 & 4 AT 10AM MASS TODAY



PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE RSVP

Are you joining us for the Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration on Saturday, 19 November? Please add your name and number attending to the clipboard which is available in the 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: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Next Week's Readings: 2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Phil Trainor	Sue Veling Inge Wienker	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	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Christine Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

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

5th & 6th November - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Inge Wienker Dexter Tabeta	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Tianna Fernandes	Jenny Roddy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Lorraine Murphy, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP 3: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am volunteers needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook.

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

We welcome the children who have registered for the First Reconciliation program and their families. These children will be enrolled in a liturgical ceremony at all Masses this weekend. A package containing the program workbook will be available for parents to collect from the Parish Office from this Monday. Next weekend we will ask parishioners to pray for these children and their families by taking home an enrolment card with the child's name and pray for them during the program. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 13 and 14 December.

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

St Ambrose preached, *"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayer into the house of the Lord."* For this reason, parishioners are invited to put the names of their loved ones on the card provided on the table near the sanctuary and place on the commemorative wall during the month of November. The daily Mass will be held for their intentions. Envelopes are available to commemorate the memory of your loved one at Mass and their name will be placed in the Parish Memorial Book. Only recently deceased persons will be listed in the bulletin during the month of November.



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 PRIMARY STUDENTS AT 10 AM MASS

This weekend we welcome children from Christ the King school in Years 3 and 4 at the 10am Mass.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Chew family, Gareth and Carmen and their son Gareth. May Gareth's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless his parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

CATHOLIC MISSION THANK YOU

Thank you for the \$1750 which you donated to the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend. Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia, supplying feed and veterinary medication and procuring goats to provide milk to help address the problems like malnutrition in babies and children. If you missed the opportunity to donate last weekend, Catholic Mission envelopes are available today from the tables in the church foyer and can be dropped into the Communications Box.

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 from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement at james.camden@parracatholic.org.

CALLING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY ASPIRING SMALL GROUP LEADERS!

Bishop Vincent is seeking applications from aspiring small group leaders to accompany young people of the Diocese of Parramatta on the pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal. The small group leaders will provide accompaniment and support to each pilgrim and ensure their safety and wellbeing and is integral to facilitating the full participation of pilgrims. Please email met@parracatholic.org to express your interest and request a position description with further details of the selection criteria by Wednesday November 2.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

The Catholic Outlook Magazine reaches 8,000 families in the Diocese of Parramatta. Advertising starts at only \$240. To place your ad in the December edition, call Christina on 0439 594 726.

MET WORSHIP FORMATION FOR MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR: 12 NOVEMBER

The Worship – Mission Enhancement Team are organising an Ongoing Formation Day for Ministers at the Altar, Adult servers and Acolytes on Saturday 12 November at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 9.30am to 3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To register, please contact the Worship team on 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY: 20 NOVEMBER

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 20 November from 10.30am to 3pm with registration from 10am and Mass celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided, but BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. No registration needed. For enquiries contact Ann Bergman on anniebergman@hotmail.com or (02) 9653 2637.

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.