



# Sunday, 9th October, 2022

## TWENTY-EIGHTH 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, 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:** Jayden El Jer, Amira Moussa, Mary Cook.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Dorothy Revelman.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

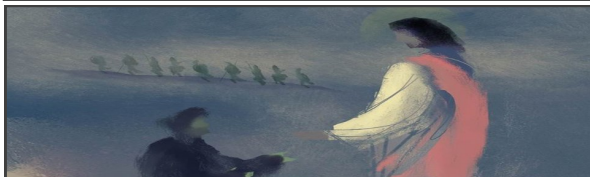
The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

## PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the parish Golden Jubilee committee will take place this Thursday, 13 October beginning at 7:30pm in the CTK School staffroom.



## 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: 2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Next Week's Readings: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

**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.*

### 8th & 9th October - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Inge Wienker Dexter Tabeta	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sam Safy	James Ryan	Leila Safy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Christine Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP 2:** Counting is on the 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1:** Leslie Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Lou Howitt

### 15th & 16th October - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Georgette Rissmiller Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Danielle Dona	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Mario Azzopardi, John Lacey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Gillian Mobbs, Lanny Carter

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola

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

## 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

## 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.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Bishop Vincent has approved the long-proposed building of a new presbytery in 10 Burradoo Close, North Rocks which paves the way for the demolition of the existing building on that site and the construction of a new presbytery with DA approval from Parramatta Council. Eventually the current parish office/presbytery will be converted to better facilities for the parish, enabling small groups to meet and the parish office being more accessible. It is hoped that this renovated building will be called the Burton Centre after the founding parish priest, Father Eric.

## 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. 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 this Sunday, 9th October is *The Journey to Nicaea: The early church leading up to the Creed* Part 2 and will 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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## FAITHS 4 CLIMATE JUSTICE MULTI-FAITH SERVICE - 13 OCTOBER

Join with people of various faiths to pray for climate justice, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on 13 October, 9:30–10:30am. The service will feature the OLMC Student String Ensemble, a Pasifika Choir, Buddhist and Muslim chanting, congregational singing led by a Rabbi, and prayers from a range of faith traditions. Find out more at [arcc.org.au/parramatta\\_f4cj\\_multi\\_faith\\_service](http://arcc.org.au/parramatta_f4cj_multi_faith_service).

## 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, please email [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

## JAYDEN CHARBEL EL JER MEMORIAL SERVICE

Many thanks to all in Christ the King school community who organised a fitting memorial farewell for kindergarten student Jayden Charbel El Jer last Tuesday evening. Particular thanks go to Mr Tony Hughes, School Principal and Mrs Erin Wynne REC (and kindergarten teacher) as well as Mr Aaron Debrincat (kindergarten teacher) with other members of staff as well as kindergarten children and their families for their attendance, especially during school holidays. Our prayers continue to go with Joe and Pam, Jayden's parents and other members of their extended family. May he rest in peace.



### **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.