



Sunday, 16th October, 2022

TWENTY-NINTH 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>

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, 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: Amira Moussa, Peter Clegg, Sam Bietola, Damiano Raschella (1 month) Elias Coorey.

ANNIVERSARY: Marguerite Bechara Nour.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

FR PAUL HANNA

We welcome Father Paul Hanna who will preside at the 8:00am Mass this Sunday.



FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING THIS WEEK

Parent Information Evening is this 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: Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
 Next Week's Readings: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Georgette Rissmiller Gabby Scanlon	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Sam Safy	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

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	Zeina Chacty Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	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: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

A meeting will take place this 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.



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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

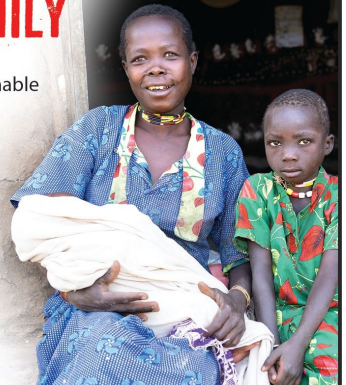
Bishop Vincent has approved the long-proposed building of a new presbytery in 10 Burradoo Close, North Rocks which paves the way for the demolition of the existing building on that site and the construction of a new presbytery with DA approval from Parramatta Council. Eventually the current parish office/presbytery 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.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A reminder that there will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council this Thursday 20 October beginning at 7:30pm in the Christ the King school staffroom. Please note that the meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday 19 October has been moved to Thursday evening.

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 to <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 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.

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.