



Sunday, 20th November, 2022

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 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

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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, 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: Fr Peter Maher, Marko Lulic.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

*Celebrating
Christ the King Parish*

50 years

Golden Jubilee

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 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Next Week's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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.

19th & 20th November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson Phil Trainor	Anne Gately Zeina Chacty	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Mariana Tomasovic	Sam Safy Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Mario Azzopardi, Ken Coorey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteers needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

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

26th & 27th November - First Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Inge Wienker Sue Veling	Volunteer Needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Lorraine Murphy	John DeCourcy Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	James Ryan	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Christine Kinsella, John Lacey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteers needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 24TH DECEMBER

Would you like to help make Christmas Eve Mass a special family event? We are inviting all preschoolers through to Year 6 children to come along and join our performance. We plan to perform during the Gospel, the Offertory and at Thanksgiving. Rehearsals will take place during Children's Liturgy every Sunday in December at 10.00am Mass with a church rehearsal on Sunday 18th December from 11.00am to 12.00pm. For any inquiries you can speak to Sarah Cook at Mass or via email scook@parra.catholic.edu.au. All welcome!

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Envelopes for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care Assistance with Care and Housing Service will be available next weekend. No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes or yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for your prayers, heart-felt compassion, and help to end homelessness.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Stiles family, Benjamin and Kate and their daughter Ava. May Ava's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul is holding its annual Christmas Hamper food and toy collection from last weekend until the weekend of December 3 and 4. Please take a card from the Giving Tree, which is located in the Church foyer, and return your gifts of toys and food by December 4. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are on sale and can be found on the table in the Church foyer. The cost is \$6 per pack of 10. Please place money for the cards in the Poor Boxes located in the Church foyer.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

2023 Columban Calendars are available from the Church foyer for \$10 each calendar. Please put the money in the envelope provided and place in the communication box in the foyer.



NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Congratulation to Mr Jack de Groot who has been appointed Executive Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Parramatta. Mr de Groot is currently CEO of St Vincent de Paul Society NSW and former CEO of Caritas Australia prior to that appointment.



A HUGE THANK YOU FROM CTK REFUGEE OUTREACH!

Thank you to all those who supported the fundraiser for the Group Mentorship Program mentees. We have been matched up with a family from Iran. The total raised is \$3863! This is a fantastic effort and we are so thankful for the generosity of our fellow CTK parishioners.

FirstCPR TRAINING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!

The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training for parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. Sessions will be organised across the Diocese and require a minimum of 10 people per session. For more information please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY – FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Bishop Vincent will celebrate a Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese at St Bernadette's Church, 367 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill on Friday, November 25 at 10.30am, which will be followed by prayers at the priests' section of Castle Hill Cemetery, Gilbert Road, Castle Hill. You are warmly invited to attend these celebrations.

"QUO VADIS?" PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND ROME: 5 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Fr Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome next year. The pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of St Peter. Details are available for download via [this link](#). If you need further details, please contact Fr Wim on 0409 908 361 or email wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org.

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 recognise 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 so the information can be recorded.

SAVE THE DATE – Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass, including Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All 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.