

**CHRIST THE KING**  
NORTH ROCKS



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# PARISH DIRECTORY

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## PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Ian McGinnity

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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Ian McGinnity

Jason Scanlon - Chairperson

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Julie Bonney - Secretary

John Collins

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Tony Hughes - representative for CTK Primary

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Lorraine Murphy

Kevin Ryan

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## **ACOLYTES AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The primary role of the Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is the distribution of Holy Communion to parishioners and others who are ill or unable to attend Mass. This role is the essential part of our mission; however, our participation is not only the distribution of Holy Communion, but to provide pastoral care to those who cannot participate in the Mass. We may be the only contact, with the exception of the Priests, that these people have with the Parish.

An acolyte, who is an ordained Minister of the Church, also assists at the Altar during Mass and on occasions may be called upon to conduct Holy Communion services when no Priests are available. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist at Mass with the distribution of communion.

Acolytes and Ministers are selected by the Parish Priest and are required to undertake study in the protocols and procedures for the performance of their duties.

*Contact:* Aubon Fernando Email: [majaub@bigpond.com](mailto:majaub@bigpond.com)

## **ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Altar Society comprises a group of dedicated Parish ladies who prepare the Altar for Sunday Mass. They prepare the beautiful flower arrangements for the Altar every week and they clean and replace the Altar cloths. We have a roster of about 9 groups, each with two or three ladies who volunteer their time and talent, usually on Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings each week. We welcome anyone who would like to join our group any time.

*Contact:* Barbara Haddad Ph: 9613 3371

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Families preparing their child's Baptism, attend one information evening held on the third Wednesday of the month prior to the Baptism at 7.30pm in the church outlining the ceremony and the requirements for the celebration as well as introducing families who will have their children baptised on the same day or month.

*Contact:* Deacon John Collins Ph: 9871.8710

## **BOOKSHOP / LIBRARY & PIETY STORE**

The Piety store is rostered and open after the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am Masses. It sells a large range of religious and spiritual items. It also houses a free lending library of books and videos for borrowing by parishioners.

*Contact:* Sarah Cook Ph: 9871 3076

## **CARE GROUP**

The Care Group offers assistance to members of the Parish in times of emergency or special need.

*Contact:* Maureen Alexander Ph: 9683 1752

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's liturgy is conducted every Sunday during the school term at 10am Mass. The aim is to relate the gospel message at a level suitable to the children's age group and understanding. After a brief introduction by the Priest at the commencement of Mass, the children are taken to the parish hall where they are divided into three groups for their lesson: Preschool to Year 1; Years 2 and 3 and Years 4 and 5. Children return to the church before the Procession of the Gifts.

*Contact:* Erica Rheinberger Email: [rheinberger.ERICA@gmail.com](mailto:rheinberger.ERICA@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH CLEANING TEAM**

The 'Christ the King' Church Cleaning Team consists of approximately 18 cleaners, forming 6 groups. The groups are rostered to clean the church each week, including all holiday periods. They perform a variety of tasks from vacuuming to keeping all areas of the church and front paved area clean and tidy. It is a commitment of about two and a half hours on a rotating roster each 6 weeks. They are a wonderful group of dedicated parishioners, whose friendly and pleasant attitude is a great expression of our living faith.

*Contact:* Brian Euhus Ph: 9873 5603

## **GOOD NEIGHBOURS GROUP**

The Good Neighbours Group provides senior citizens of all nationalities an opportunity to share their lives one morning per fortnight. This is an active support and social group, mainly for seniors, but we also welcome younger participants who would like to join either as members or helpers. Activities include a fitness exercise program, including Tai Chi, as well as other social activities. Morning tea and a light lunch are provided.

*Contact:*                      Ada Cheung                      Ph: 9876 6228

## **HOSPITALITY**

The Hospitality Group provides a cuppa, cordial, and biscuits after each Sunday Mass. It is a great vehicle for community building – providing an opportunity for people to stay around and chat after Mass. All are welcome, to serve and be served.

*Contacts:*                      Peter Elchaar - 10am Mass                      Ph: 0408 678 922

## **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

The Liturgy Committee consists of parishioners who are involved in making arrangements for the conduct of Parish liturgical activities. The function of the Committee is to coordinate these activities.

*Contact:*                      Ken Coorey                      Ph: 9614 2121

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Marriage Encounter is a live-in weekend focused on fulfilment in relationships. It also provides married couples with an opportunity to experience current Church thinking on the sacrament of marriage. It is a program for married couples and religious.

*Contacts:*                      Janet & Adrian Sullivan                      Ph: 9630 7224

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

The Parish Readers consist of a group of parishioners rostered to proclaim the Word of God at Sunday Mass and on special occasions such as Easter and Christmas. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, please discuss this initially with Fr. Ian.

*Contact:*                      George Germanos                      Ph: 9873 5592

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

The parish newsletter is published weekly and is available at all weekend Masses. The newsletter is also available on the Parish website:  
[www.northrockscatholic.org.au](http://www.northrockscatholic.org.au)

*Contact:* Frances Gallagher – Parish Office Ph: 9871 8710

## **MUSIC CHOIR**

A Parish choir is formed to enhance the liturgy during the celebration of Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and other special occasions. If you feel you would like to be part of the Choir.

*Contact:* Darren So Ph: 0410 416 063

## **ORGANISTS**

The Parish organists provide music regularly at weekend Masses, except for 8am Sundays. More organists would be welcome.

## **PLANNED GIVING**

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The Parish conducts a planned giving program to raise the funds necessary to establish and maintain the Parish facilities. Contact the parish office for more information.

*Contact:* Frances Gallagher – Parish Office Ph: 9871 8710

## **RCIA**

A program culminating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is conducted in the Parish each year, beginning in August and reaching its conclusion at Easter Vigil.

*Contact:* Fr Ian McGinnity – Parish Office Ph: 9871 8710

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

A program for initiation into the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation is conducted each year for all Catholic children within the parish, either attending the parish school and other schools within the area.

This is a Parish-based family-centred program whereby parents prepare their children for the three sacraments of initiation. This is a community-based program supported by our Catholic school and surrounding schools. You are welcome to join this Parish team.

*Contact:* Fr Ian McGinnity – Parish Office Ph: 9871 8710

## **SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS (FORMERLY CATECHISTS)**

Special Religious Educators (SREs) provide religious education and pastoral care to Catholic students attending government schools in our Parish. We currently service Carlingford West Primary School and North Rocks Primary School. SREs have the opportunity to attend accredited training courses provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and are commissioned by Father Ian to teach the approved syllabus within our schools.

*Contact:* Fr Ian McGinnity – Parish Office Ph: 9871 8710

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The St Vincent de Paul Society Conference consists of a group of parishioners, who by invitation, or by reference from a concerned friend, visit people in any kind of need in their homes. Without discrimination on any grounds, they seek to render assistance in the form of food vouchers, clothing, essential furniture, household needs and utility vouchers. They are also privileged to provide Mass transport to those who might otherwise be unable to attend due to immobility. Meetings are held each Tuesday night at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

*Contact:* Fr Ian McGinnity – Parish Office Ph: 9871 8710

## **WARDENS**

The wardens provide general assistance at Masses at weekends and other important celebrations and take up the collections. If you would like to join this team, you would be very welcome.

*Contact:* Chris Brown Ph: 9630 1359

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