



Sunday, 6th November, 2022

THIRTY-SECOND 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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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, Michael Coakley (brother of John Coakley), Wendy Beirne, Sr Joan Keogh RSM, Ben McShane-Hill.

ANNIVERSARY: Madeleine Snaith

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present.

As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

WELCOME TO YRS 5 & 6 AT 10AM MASS TODAY



PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE RSVP

You are invited to join us for the Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration on Saturday, 19 November? Please add your name and number attending to the clipboard 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: 2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Next Week's Readings: Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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.

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	Veronica Raic 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, 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

12th & 13th November - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Dawn Peat Sam Safy	Dominic Choi	Leila Safy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteers needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group, Julie Bechara

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

This weekend we will distribute the enrolment cards of the children preparing for First Reconciliation to parishioners and invite them to pray for the children and their families. By now all parents should have collected the resource packages for the program and be able to assist their children with the materials provided.



Community
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FUNDRAISER SALE FOR GROUP MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP AUSTRALIA

AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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 are selling plants, baked goods, home and gift wares. Please support this good cause! If you would like further information or would like to donate baked goods, please contact Ellen Vaughan via the parish office.

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 or put your name and number of people attending on the clipboard in the Church foyer if you are definitely attending. All are welcome to celebrate this significant milestone in the life of our community.



ALL SOULS DAY

Thank you to all who participated and celebrated the bereavement Mass on All Souls Day evening. Particular thanks to Dominic Wong for leading us in song, Deacon John Collins for his homily and all who assisted in facilitating the refreshments after the Mass. It was a very moving and poignant event.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul will be holding its annual Christmas Hamper food and toy collection starting on the weekend of November 12 and 13 and ending on the weekend of December 3 and 4. Please take a card from the Giving Tree, which will be located in the Church foyer, and return your gifts of toys and food by December 4. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

CTK PRIMARY STUDENTS AT 10 AM MASS

This weekend we welcome children in Years 5 and 6 from Christ the King school at the 10am Mass.

CATHOLIC MISSION THANK YOU

Extra donations last weekend to the Catholic Mission Appeal have brought the total amount given to \$2700. Thank you for your generosity to this life-changing Appeal.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

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 on the second Sunday of the month. 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. The final Sunday Night Session will be held next Sunday, 13th November. A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome.

For more information or if you want to assist with organizing this session contact Deacon John through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' BLACKTOWN 70 YEARS CELEBRATIONS: 11 NOVEMBER

Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown is inviting past students, staff and their families back to the college for tours and a BBQ to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Friday 11 November from 4pm to 8pm. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/patsblacktown70yrs>. For more information, contact the school on 8811 0300.

OPEN INVITATION TO THE PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST: 12 NOVEMBER

Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast on Saturday 12 November at 12 noon to commemorate the World Day of the Poor. Come and share a meal and company with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta from 12pm to 2pm. All are welcome. For more details contact met@parracatholic.org.

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.

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.