



# Sunday, 13th November, 2022

## THIRTY-THIRD 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**

**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>

#### **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.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Madeleine Snaith

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed.

Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation.

God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.



#### **PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE RSVP**

You are invited to join us for the Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration next 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: Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Next Week's Readings: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**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.*

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	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 5:** 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

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson	Dexter Tabeta Zeina Chacty	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Veronica Raic
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	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 7:** Ada Cheung

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

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



## A HUGE THANK YOU FROM CTK REFUGEE OUTREACH!

Thank you to all those who supported the fundraiser for the Group Mentorship Program mentees. So far we have raised \$2982.50! This is a fantastic effort and we are so thankful for the generosity of our fellow CTK parishioners. **We have a number of plants left over so if anyone missed out last weekend or would like to buy something else, we will be selling them after the Masses this weekend.** Thanks again! ☺

## 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 11.00 am to 12.00pm. For any inquiries you can speak to Sarah Cook at Mass or via email [scCook@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scCook@parra.catholic.edu.au). All welcome!

## PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS NEXT SATURDAY

To commemorate and celebrate (belatedly due to Covid) the fifty years of our parish existence we will celebrate the Eucharist, presided over by Bishop Vincent, next 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. All are welcome to celebrate this significant milestone in the life of our community.



## MONEY COLLECTION ANOMALY

Last Sunday when our money counters were counting the collections, they noticed a significant reduction in the number of planned giving envelopes and notes in the collections for the past 4 weeks. It appears that this money has been either mislaid or misappropriated sometime during the past 4 weeks. If anyone can shed any light on why or how this has occurred, or seen anything suspicious, please contact the parish office. For safety reasons we will have to change our security procedures. The police will be notified.

## 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 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.



## 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/>.

## 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 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 for 2022 will be held tonight, 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](mailto:john.collins@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 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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org.au) so the information can be recorded.

## 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.