



Sunday, 29th January, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A



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

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IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

THE SICK: Jui-May Lee, Natalie De Maria, Anthony Sullivan, Irene Vaughan, Margaret McCaffrey, Frances McKiernan, Barbara Ison, Marija Barclay, 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: Cecilia Reed.

ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Lum, Beniamino, Guiseppina & Carmalina Cutrone.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.



INSTALLATION OF NEW PARISH CONFERENCE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

During the 8am Mass next Sunday, 5 February parishioner, Ron Giacomelli will be installed as the new president of our local conference of Saint Vincent De Paul. The parish would also like to thank the previous president, Rosemary Wickham, for her outstanding service in this position for many years. We are grateful to all the members of our local conference for the work they do for the poor and disadvantaged and would like to invite parishioners to seriously consider joining the society.

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: Zeph 2:3,12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Next Week's Readings: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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.

28th & 29th January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Sue Veling John DeCourcy	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Volunteer needed	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Dawn Peat Rob Haddad	James Ryan	Jenny Roddy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Anne-Marie Makin, Jim Kinsella

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Louise Howitt

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

4th & 5th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Ron Ruskin	Zeina Chacty Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	James Ryan	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Erin Wynne

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Christine Kinsella, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP 3: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Julie Bechara

UPDATE ON NEW PRESBYTERY

As some parishioners may have already noticed, the old house owned by the parish in 10 Burradoo Close has been demolished and work will begin shortly on a new presbytery as previously approved by the Diocese and the Parish Finance committee. The building company chosen for this development is Brickfield Constructions, North Parramatta. When the new building is completed, the current presbytery will be utilised fully as a parish office and small meeting room facility.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON JACK ELKAZZI

As we have advertised previously, Jack Elkazzi, who did a pastoral placement in our parish in December 2016, is being ordained to the priesthood on Thursday, 2 February at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta by Bishop Vincent. Jack will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Bernadette's at Castle Hill where he has ministered as a Deacon. He will come and celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass at Christ the King, North Rocks on Saturday, 18 February 2023 beginning at 5:30pm (our normal vigil Mass), where parishioners will be able to congratulate him and receive his blessing.

SHARING OUR STORY

Sharing Our Story is a new small group program offered at Christ the King. It provides a safe and welcoming context for people to reflect on their life and faith in the light of the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

Sharing Our Story is open to everyone. The only requirement is a desire to reflect on your life of faith and a willingness to ask questions. The program will be conducted in the CTK Church on the third Wednesday of each month from February to November from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The first session is February 15th.

For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins through the Parish Office or via email: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

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. 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. Sunday Night Sessions are to be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November commencing on Sunday 12th February with the topic 'Women in Ministry'. The presenter is Ms Gail Gill, an Ecclesial Women from the Diocese of Broken Bay. 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 these sessions contact Deacon John through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Volunteers from Christ the King Parish teach Catholic Scripture to students at North Rocks Public School and Carlingford West Public School. We urgently need volunteers to help us cover classes this year. If you are able to be part of this rewarding ministry please contact Fr Ian or the Parish Office on 9871 8710.

Classes at North Rocks Public School are held on Tuesdays at the following times:

9:05 to 9:35am; 9:40 to 10:10am; 10:15 to 10:45am

Classes at Carlingford West Public School are held on Wednesdays at the following times:

1:25 to 2:05pm; 2:05 to 2:45pm; 2:45 to 3:15pm

We use the Christ Our Light and Life Program. Teachers have a handbook which gives detailed notes

for teachers to follow for each lesson. Students have an Activity Book which has a variety of activities for each lesson.

Training for volunteers is held each year with classes being held either face to face or online. All volunteers must complete the Office of Safeguarding training prior to commencing. This can either be done online or face to face.

The online details are: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence on 20th February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. For information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>. If you wish to attend (Mondays at 7pm), please contact the Parish Office as parishioner, Barbara Craft, would like to accompany you.

CTK PARISH LITURGY MEETING

There will be a meeting of the parish liturgy group on Tuesday 31 January beginning at 7:30pm in the presbytery. We are always looking for new members if other parishioners would like to attend.

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 11 FEBRUARY 2023

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

SR NATHALIE BECQUART SYDNEY PUBLIC FORUM AND LECTURE: 3 FEBRUARY

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the Vatican's most influential female, is coming to Australia for a whirlwind tour in February. Sr Nathalie will be in Sydney on Friday 3 February, presenting at a public forum at 4pm and a public lecture at 7pm, both held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Register via <https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie/>.

LED BY THE SPIRIT

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Series, call Led by the Spirit. Throughout Scripture the Spirit often leads people through the wilderness so that they might find God's greater plan for their lives. Join us this Lenten season to find where the Spirit is leading you. This series will be run by Disciples of Jesus (DOJ) and the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL). DOJ is a Charismatic Community and the MGLs are an Order of Charismatic Priests, Brothers and Consecrated sisters. Sessions are on Sundays during Lent 26 Feb to 2 April from 3:00pm-to 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Each Sunday will begin with a high tea. Don't miss out. For more information contact Matthew Leslie 0409 295 962.

LAST CHANCE TO SECURE YOUR DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WYD23 PILGRIMAGE SPOT!

There are only 10 seats left on the Diocesan pilgrimage with Bishop Vincent to WYD23 in Lisbon! Young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to secure their place as soon as possible to avoid missing out. View the pilgrimage itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing and registration information at www.parrawyd.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.