



# Sunday, 22nd January, 2023

## THIRD 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.cknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cknorthrocks.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:** 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:** Cardinal George Pell, Paul Sullivan.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Fiona Kyle, Jamile Isaac.

**DECEASED:** Ai-Chin Mary Lee, Jenn-Shih Peter Lee, Bolestaw, Zofia & Jan.

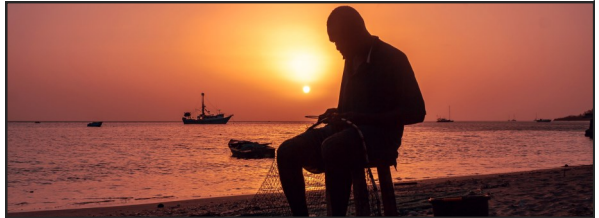
## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples.

Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.



**CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED** (See Page 3 for details)



**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
**Thursday 26th January**  
**Mass at 9.00am**

#### 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: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23  
 Next Week's Readings: Zeph 2:3,3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

**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.*

### 21st & 22nd January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Gabby Scanlon Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown	Lorraine Murphy	Danielle Dona Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Christine Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteers needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Marc & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

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

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

**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

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: 2 FEBRUARY

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian and Jack Elkazzi on Thursday 2 February at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to the Cathedral Parish team at [secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au) if you are able to attend.

### PLEASE CONSIDER?

An invitation is extended to parishioners over the age of 18 to seriously consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council which assists the parish priest in administering the Parish. Our current Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some members have resigned due to other commitments and others have been on the Council for a significant period of time. The Parish also requires two representatives from the Parish to sit on the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council to similarly assist the Dean in the pastoral care and unity of the Northern Deanery.

Father Ian is also seeking new members for the Parish Finance Committee to renew and replace existing members. These are important ministries in our local Church so we ask all parishioners to reflect honestly on whether they can be of service to the Church in any of these roles to help build up the Body of Christ and to participate in decision-making. Anyone wishing to offer themselves for any of these positions, or for further information, can contact us via email [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

### 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](mailto: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, particularly 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](mailto: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.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities across the Diocese to complete your Safeguarding Training to kick off 2023. Please choose one of the following venues and register for your Safeguarding Modules.

**Mary Immaculate Parish – 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill** Monday 13th February: 9.30am - 2.30pm

**St Bernadette's Castle Hill – 367 Old Northern Road Castle Hill** Saturday 4th March (All modules: 9am - 2pm)

Please register by emailing [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or, if you would like to complete your training online, go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>.

## **ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS: 6 FEBRUARY**

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on Monday 6 February 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by 3 February via [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au) or 8839 8400.

## **SR NATHALIE BECQUART SYDNEY PUBLIC FORUM AND LECTURE: 3 FEBRUARY**

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMJC, 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. Places are limited, so please register via <https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie/>.

## **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](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org).

## **TOONGABBIE PARISH POSITION VACANT**

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is advertising for a Sacramental/SRE Coordinator. The successful applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. 18 hours per weeks worked over 3 days. Please forward applications and resumes to the parish secretary by 1 February to [secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au).

## **"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 this year. The pilgrimage will be following in the footsteps of St Peter. Details are available at [www.olivetreetravel.com.au](http://www.olivetreetravel.com.au). If you need further details, please contact Fr Wim on 0409 908 361 or email [wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org](mailto:wim.hoekstra@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](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.