



Sunday, 5th February, 2023

FIFTH 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

Parish Address:

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

THE SICK: Marea Mooney, 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: Margaret Dwyer, Peter McNamara, Fr Roberto Reuben Elago MSP (former parish priest of Quakers Hill Parish)

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty Dwyer, Hugh Snaith, Ray Wehbe.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

This Thursday, 9 February at 7:30pm in the presbytery.



CTK PRIMARY OPENING SCHOOL MASS

This Friday, 10 February at 9:15am the primary school will join the parish Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year.

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 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
 Next Week's Readings: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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 not be able to attend your rostered 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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy 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	Volunteer Needed	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Christine Kinsella

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

11th & 12th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Sam Safy Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Cate Joseph

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Ken Coorey, Anne-Marie Makin

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

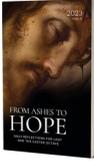
ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales 8.00am Volunteers needed; 10.00am: Volunteer needed

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

LENTEN PROGRAMS 2023

The season of Lent commences this year on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February and concludes on Holy Saturday, 8th April. It is a time for spiritual renewal, repentance and reflection. If you would like to facilitate or take part in a program reflecting on the Sunday scriptures, please let the parish office know. This year the Parish is offering a Lenten Program for Year A called 'God is on the journey too' by Melbourne priest, Christopher Monaghan CP, a Garratt publication. Parishioners may like to host groups either physically or virtually via zoom (or something similar). Copies of this program are available from the parish office.



Another program that is available this year is provided by the Archdiocese of Brisbane entitled "From Ashes to Hope". This Lenten program includes short daily reflections which is perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group. Copies of this text are available from the church foyer. A donation in the Communications Box to help cover costs would be appreciated.

INSTALLATION OF NEW PARISH CONFERENCE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

During the 8am Mass today parishioner, Ron Giacomelli will be installed as the new president of our local conference of St 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 consider joining the society.

CONGRATULATIONS REVEREND JACK ELKAZZI

We congratulate Reverend Jack Elkazzi, who joined us for a pastoral placement in December 2016, and who was ordained to the priesthood in St Patrick's Cathedral last Thursday. Jack will celebrate his first Mass at St 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 beginning at 5:30pm (our normal vigil Mass), where parishioners will be able to congratulate him and receive his blessing. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of finger food to share. Those who are bringing a plate are asked to advise Marianne Dwyer, who is co-ordinating the supper. She can be reached on 0418 641 412.

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 COMMENCING NEXT WEEKEND

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 next 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 would like 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. Classes at North Rocks Public School are held on Tuesdays at 9:05 to 9:35am; 9:40 to 10:10am and 10:15 to 10:45am. Classes at Carlingford West Public School are held on Wednesdays at 1:25 to 2:05pm; 2:05 to 2:45pm and 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. If you are able to be part of this rewarding ministry please contact Fr Ian or the Parish Office.



BAPTISM WELCOME We welcome the Excell family, Daniel, Joanne and their daughter Ava. May Ava's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

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 this Saturday 11 February at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome. RSVPs are required by 6 February to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

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 in 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.

SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST THE KING

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 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 the 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.

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.