



Sunday, 2nd April, 2023

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
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](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:**

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

**THE SICK:** Pope Francis, Bishop Peter Ingham, Marea Mooney, Natalie De Maria, Anthony Sullivan, Jenny Commisso Smith, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Ison, Marija Barclay, Brian & Warren Johnson, Margaret Martin, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Peter Reiter, Eric Vaughan, Mimi Jayatilaka, Sandra Neill, Abraham Concepcion, Oliver Ofiana, Helene Graham, Sonia Merchant, Delia Hipolito, Bev & Pat McAppion, Edna Esmero, Ken Sunderland.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary King

**DECEASED:** Nguyen Van Nu

**REFLECTION**

by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS THIS WEEKEND  
TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS**



**MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK**

There will be no 9.00am morning Mass this Thursday. The Mass of the Last Supper is celebrated at 7.30pm.

There will be no 9.00am morning Mass this Saturday.

**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 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27,66  
Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

**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 not be able to attend your rostered 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.*

### 1st & 2nd April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Inge Wienker Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Veronica Raic Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sam Safy Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Leila Safy

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Terri Hirschhorn, Erin Wynne

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, Anne-Marie Makin, Jim Kinsella

**COUNTER GROUP 2:** Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP:** Palms only

**PIETY GROUP: Vigil:** Maria Bietola; 8.00am: Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3:** Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

### 8th & 9th April - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Rosemary Wickham	Dawn Peat Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Volunteer Needed	Fadia Sleiman

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Christine Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Leni Adan

**PIETY GROUP: Vigil:** Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Ryan Brown, Brian Euhus

## THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank you to all who gave so generously to our Good Shepherd Appeal last weekend. Over \$3,300 has been donated to this appeal. Envelopes are still available this weekend for credit card or cash donations to support our 11 men at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve his people. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their journey to priesthood.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Please return your Project Compassion boxes on Thursday evening for the Mass of the Last Supper or at any time thereafter.



## THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)

Children in Year 4 or above who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion). In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish Masses (Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8am and 10am) on the weekend of 10th /11th June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (children not required) on **Wednesday, 26th April commencing at 7.30pm** in Christ the King Church, where the program and enrolment procedure will be explained and any questions answered. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is essential that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

## EASTER SERVICES

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm (no morning Mass)

Stations of the Cross at 10.00am

Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

Vigil Mass at 5.30pm

Masses at 8.00am and 10.00am

## EASTER RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation this Saturday, 1st April will be at 9.30 till 10.30am and in the afternoon from 3.00 till 4.00pm.

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation is available at St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills on Monday, 3rd April at 7.30pm.

## MUSICIANS/CANTORS

The parish is desperately seeking new musicians and cantors to enhance our liturgies. If you are hiding your talents and would like to consider this important ministry in our church, please contact the parish office.



## 6 WEEKS OF LENT – GIVE 6 THINGS TO JRS FOODBANK

Right now, JRS is supporting 150 families a week and the demand for help keeps growing. Many of the families that are served are not eligible for centrelink, medicare and don't have work or study rights. With the cost of living rising many are struggling to have enough food to get their kids through the week. Any and all support is greatly appreciated during the Lenten season. To help keep everyone fed, parishioners are asked to donate one item a week:

Week 1: Cooking oil (1L - 2L bottles)

Week 2: Basmati Rice (1kg - 5kg bags)

Week 3: Long life milk (1L bottles)

Week 4: Tuna in oil (425g cans)

Week 5: Pantry essentials (Sugar, salt, instant coffee, tea bags)

Week 6: Liquid laundry detergent

Items can be left in the Church foyer and will be taken by a member of the parish to the JRS office.



## CATHOLIC OUTLOOK AVAILABLE TODAY

Your free Easter edition of Catholic Outlook is available from the Church foyer. Collect one as you leave to take home with you today.

## **CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 7 APRIL**

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>.

## **CARITAS AUSTRALIA TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL**

An earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria with over 50,000 people killed, and many more injured and left homeless. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate.

## **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 is conducted in the CTK Church on the third Wednesday of each month from February to November from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The next session is Wednesday, April 19th.

For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: [mariana\\_tomasovic@hotmail.com](mailto:mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com) or Deacon John Collins through the Parish Office or via email: [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## **KELLYVILLE PARISH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS: 16 APRIL**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Sunday 16 April starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1pm followed by a Procession, Rosary in five languages, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction before Holy Mass at 3pm. Confessions from 1pm. Piety items for sale. Bring pictures and statues for special blessings. Refreshments available after Holy Mass. Everyone is most welcome.

## **MISSION: ONE HEART, MANY VOICES CONFERENCE: 3-5 MAY**

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission. Attend either in person or online. Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May at SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. For more information, visit [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au).

## **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.