



Sunday, 9th April, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

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: 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.

DECEASED: All the Faithful Departed

ANNIVERSARIES: Stan & Jan Burgin

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough?

At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.



HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection is used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. This year the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so Catholics around the world are asked to be as generous as possible.

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: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Next Week's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Rosemary Wickham	Dawn Peat Sarah Cook Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Minister Needed
Sunday 10am	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

15th & 16th April - Second Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Peter Hrast	Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Dawn Peat Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Leila Safy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Mario Azzopardi, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

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

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes and envelopes. If you have not already done so, please return your donations to the Church in the coming weeks so funds can be sent to Caritas Australia to be used to help empower vulnerable communities throughout the world.



CAR PARK REPAIR

The condition of the driveway and car park at CTK, which serves the school and church, has been deteriorating for some time. On Tuesday the 18th and Wednesday, 19th April the driveway will be closed for repair and re-asphalting. People coming to the Mass on 19th April at 9.00am will need to park on Statham Avenue and enter the church through the pedestrian gate. We apologise for the inconvenience, but this work is very necessary. Both the church and the school are contributing to this expense. We are grateful for the school's assistance in this endeavour.

EASTER MESSAGE

Easter is the greatest feast of the church. Christmas is more nostalgic; Good Friday is more dramatic. But Easter is the definition of Christianity. To be a Christian is to believe in the resurrection, and all that flows from that. Here in Christ the King Parish we have prepared for and celebrated the events which culminated in the power of the resurrection which "restores us to life". Without the resurrection, the movement of our life is toward death. The resurrection of Jesus is a declaration of another reality and an invitation to a very different form life. May we continue to renew our acceptance of that invitation. A big **THANK YOU** to all who have assisted in the ceremonies in any way during this Holy Week. We wish you all a Holy and Spirit filled Easter.

Fr Ian McGinnity P.P. Deacon John Collins Frances Gallagher (Parish Secretary)



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 OFFERINGS

Easter offerings are placed in a common fund which pays: Priest Salaries, Domestic needs of the presbytery, Housekeepers salary and contributes to the retirement plan for sick and aged priests. Please contribute as generously as you can.

HOLY WATER TO RETURN

Following the Easter weekend, we will resume the practice of offering Holy Water in the fountains at the entry doors to the Church.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION CANCELLED

The Sunday Night Session, which was scheduled to take place this Sunday, has been cancelled. The next Session will take place on Sunday, 14th May at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

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. To help keep everyone fed, parishioners are asked to donate one item a week:

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

Week 3: Long life milk (1L bottles)

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

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

Week 4: Tuna in oil (425g cans)

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.

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.



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 or Deacon John Collins through the Parish Office or via email: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK AVAILABLE TODAY

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



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.

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.