



Sunday, 30th April, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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
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Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Beverley McAppion, Lynette Barry, Domenico Marino, John Millar, Kit Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Newman, William Lum.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority; he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER SYNOD SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR!

FACILITATORS TRAINING SESSION

THURSDAY
4 MAY 7PM TO 9PM
SATURDAY
6 MAY 10AM TO 12PM
SATURDAY
6 MAY 2PM TO 4PM

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE, BLACKTOWN

Select a Session & RSVP synod2023@parracatholic.org

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 2:14,36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Next Week's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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.

29th & 30th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad	Volunteer Needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer Needed	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, Christine Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola, Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Gemma Smart

6th & 7th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Peter Hrast	Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Liza Jilesh	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Tianna Fernandes	Minister Needed

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Erin Wynne, Rachel Parnaby

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt, Barbara Haddad

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

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

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE MOTHER'S DAY GIFT VOUCHER APPEAL

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is aiming to give all their clients who are mothers, a gift voucher for Mother's Day. JRS's mission is to advocate, serve and accompany refugees. None of JRS's clients are eligible for Centrelink, NDIS, or childcare subsidies so a gift voucher would really help them out!

If possible, please donate a \$10 to \$30 Woolworths or Coles/Myer gift voucher. Gift cards from Big W, K-mart or Westfield etc. would all be gratefully received as well. Hard copy gift vouchers can be given to Frances in the Parish Office, parishioners Ellen or Rosanne Vaughan or placed in the Parish Communication Box. E-gift cards (you can Google this) can be emailed to intake@jrs.org.au. Please donate cards by Monday, 8th May.



FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening in the Church which outlined the program for this year for children in Year four or above who have made their First Reconciliation. To register your child for the program please go online <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/> to register. Registration will close on Friday, 5th May. Resource materials can be collected from the parish office (not school office) from Monday 8th to Friday 12th May from 9am to 3pm. If you are unable to collect the materials during this time, please contact the parish office to arrange another mutually suitable time. A reminder that the children will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three weekend Masses: 13th (5:30pm) /14th May (8am & 10am). It is critical that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for some legitimate reason. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 10th (5:30pm) /11th June (8am & 10am), fittingly on the feast of Corpus Christi, the King's Birthday Long Weekend.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Holy Land collection on Good Friday. A total of \$1900.00 has been sent to the Holy Land Commissariat to be used by the Franciscan Friars for pastoral care in the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus.

PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SYNOD

Bishop Vincent is convoking a Diocesan Synod which will be held from the 12th to 15th October 2023. A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the faith and mission of the Church. This Synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains. From May to July 2023, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations, organising time to discuss with family and friends, and engaging in opportunities to dialogue.

At Christ the King Parish, a listening consultation will take place on **Sunday, 21st May from 7:00 to 8:30pm** and again on **Wednesday, 24th May from 7:00 to 8:30pm** in the Parish Hall.

The Northern Deanery, which our parish belongs to, is hosting a consultation on Saturday 13th May from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at St John 23rd School Hub, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens. Parishioners are welcome to attend and contribute to this ongoing consultation and listening exercise. Bishop Vincent will be present at this gathering.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION CHANGE OF DATES

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 usually held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November however, as the second Sunday in May is Mother's Day, the date has been changed to Sunday, 21st May. The Sunday in June has also been changed to 18th June due to the fact that the second weekend is the King's Birthday long weekend. 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2023

The Sacrament of First Eucharist (Year 4 and above) will be celebrated on the weekend of 10/11 June.

The Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and above) will be celebrated on 20 September.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above) will be celebrated on 12 and 13 December.

GIVE 6 THINGS TO JRS FOODBANK OVER 6 WEEKS

Right now the Jesuit Refugee Service 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.

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING: 13 MAY AND 5 JUNE

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as a FREE course to the parishes of the Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese:

- St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood on Saturday 13 May from 10am or
- Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK AVAILABLE TODAY

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

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, May 17th. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins via email: john.collins@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.