



Sunday, 16th April, 2023

SECOND 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.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: 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 (Funeral on Monday 24 April at 10am), Anthony Dahlen, Fr John Keeble.

ANNIVERSARIES: Allen O'Hara, Kazimiera (Carmen) Adamski.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

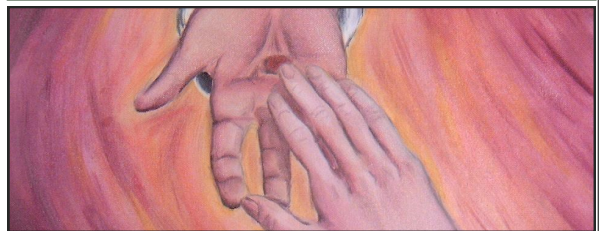
The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

HOLY WATER

Holy Water is once again being offered in the fonts at the entry doors to the Church.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Wednesday, 19th April at 7.30pm in the CTK School staffroom.

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 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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.

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	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

22nd & 23rd April - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Levi Brown	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Gillian Mobbs, Lanny Carter

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

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.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Pugliano family: Beau, Sarah and their son Hunter, the Naidoo Family: Nishen, Katelin and their daughter, Sylvia, and the Hambre Family: Dave, Chloe and their daughter Lucia. May Hunter, Sylvia and Lucia's baptisms be happy and memorable occasions and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.



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.

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.



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 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.

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 this 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.

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.

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.



KELLYVILLE PARISH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is being celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville this 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.

POSITIONS VACANT - DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

- Policy Coordinator
- Communications and Digital Manager
- Communications Assistant

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment.

MET FaithLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE: Starting 2 May

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) from 6:30 to 8:30pm on three Tuesdays: 2nd, 9th and 16th May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>.

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.bpoin.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.