



Sunday, 23rd April, 2023

THIRD 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

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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, Joven Sanchez., Fr Bob Maguire.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Francis Murphy.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal.

Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

HOLY WATER

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



ANZAC DAY MASS

This Tuesday, 25th April, is Anzac Day. A Mass to honour our servicemen and women will be celebrated at CTK at 9.00am.

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 2:14,22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Next Week's Readings: Acts 2:14,36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

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.

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	Danielle Dona Sam Safy	Levi Brown	John Collins

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

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	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	James Ryan	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

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 week so funds can be sent to Caritas Australia to be used to help empower vulnerable communities throughout the world.



CAR PARK UPDATE

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week the parish /school car park and driveway surface was renewed. We are extraordinarily grateful to parishioner, Robert Campbell, for oversighting this endeavour and giving of his valuable time to assist. The next step will be to organise line marking and signage. This may take a few weeks to organise so please park carefully and do not obstruct the driveway. If you would like to make a donation to help with the expense of these works, feel free to contact the parish office.



FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION EVENING THIS WEDNESDAY

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) this **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.

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 life 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.

The Northern Deanery, which our parish belongs to, is hosting this consultation on Saturday 13th May from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at St. John 23rd School Hub, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768. Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend and contribute to this ongoing consultation and listening exercise. Bishop Vincent will be present at this gathering.

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.



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.

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.



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.

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

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to 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.mohmy.com.au.

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.