



# Sunday, 7th May, 2023

## FIFTH 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](http://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

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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:** Patrick Rankin (funeral Tuesday 9th May at 10.00am at CTK), Matthew Hall, Judith Bokeyar.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

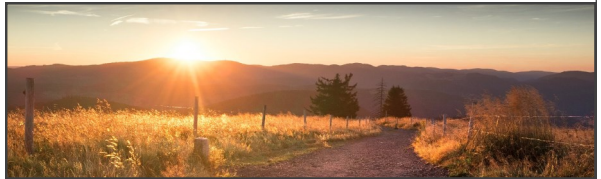
The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

#### DIocese OF PARRAMATTA INTERFAITH COMMISSION

This weekend during Mass, parishioner Mike Yates, a member of the Diocesan Interfaith Commission will speak regarding the work of the commission which is to encourage interfaith dialogue and connection with people of other faiths and religions.



#### DIoCESAN SYNOD 2023 – THE TIME IS NOW!

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)

#### 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 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12  
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**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.*

### 6th & 7th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Danielle Dona Liza Jilesh	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Tianna Fernandes	Leila Safy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, 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

### 13th & 14th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Inge Wienker Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Liza Jilesh Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

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

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

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

## SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED

We have a dedicated team of parishioners who teach Scripture at North Rocks Public School on Tuesday mornings and at Carlingford West Public School on Wednesday afternoons. We are always looking for volunteers to help us in this rewarding ministry. While extra teachers or assistants would be appreciated at either school, we are in need of extra help at Carlingford West as there has been a change to class times.

Classes there are at 12.45pm - 1.20pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

2.05pm - 2.40pm Kindergarten

2.45pm - 3.25pm Years 1 and 2

If you interested please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332.



## FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Registration has now closed for the First Eucharist Sacramental Program for 2023. Resource materials for the program should be collected from the parish office (not school office) this week on Monday 8th to Friday 12th May from 9:00am to 3:00pm. 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 Masses next weekend: 13th (5:30pm) /14th May (8am & 10am). It is essential 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 10/11 June, the feast of Corpus Christi and the King's birthday long weekend.

## 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](mailto:intake@jrs.org.au). Please donate cards by Monday, 8th May.

## 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.

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.

## 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](mailto:mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com) or Deacon John Collins via email: [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## 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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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.