



Sunday, 28th May, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 MacKillip 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
Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org
Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Jan & Stan Burgin, Jovan Sanchez.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.



FATHER IAN ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE

On 20 August this year Fr Ian will celebrate his 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Fr Ian will be taking long service leave approved by the Bishop, from 20 August to 1 November. The Diocese will provide a priest for that period of time whilst Father Ian is away.

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 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Next Week's Readings: Ex 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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.

27th & 28th May - Pentecost Sunday

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
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| Saturday 5.30pm | Darren Mobbs | Lance Parker | Inge Wienker Kerry Saad | Veronica Chacty | Maria Bietola |
| Sunday 8am | Chris Brown | Lorraine Murphy | Veronica Raic Julie Elliott | Jo-Anne Castaneda | John Lacey |
| Sunday 10am | Rosanne Vaughan | Mariana Tomasovic | Jennie Mater Anne Gately | Levi Brown | Leila Safy |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erin Wynne, Sarah Cook, Terri Hirschhorn

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

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

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

3rd & 4th June - The Most Holy Trinity

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 5.30pm | George Germanos | Keith Henson | Kerry Saad John DeCourcy | Veronica Chacty | Jim Kinsella |
| Sunday 8am | John Murphy | Rosemary Wickham | Tony Hughes Julie Elliott | Jo-Anne Castaneda | John Lacey |
| Sunday 10am | Peter Elchaar | Peter Hrast | Sam Safy Dawn Peat | Tianna Fernandes | Fadia Sleiman |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Mary Cook, Erin Wynne

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, Ken Coorey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP 1: Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Roger Brewer

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad, Lou Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost to conclude the Easter season. At the 10:00am Mass we are inviting people from different ethnic ancestry to wear their local dress. We also have volunteers reading the prayers of the faithful in their native language. After the Mass a barbecue will be held and if anybody wishes to share a plate of their own cultural food it would be appreciated. This is a way for us to celebrate the plurality and diverse cultures within our Church as we gather as one through the Holy Spirit.



BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE AT EMERTON

Thank you to those who donated to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care last weekend. Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Envelopes are available once again today for your tax-deductible contribution or you can donate at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for being a Good Samaritan.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Pre Covid, CTK had a thriving Good Neighbourhood Group, where people from inside and outside our parish gathered once a fortnight in the Parish Hall. These meetings consisted of a variety of activities including bingo, tai chi, morning tea and genuine fellowship. The Parish Council would love to see this very important community group start up again. If you were involved in the past or attended occasionally or have any talents you could lend to this ministry, please contact Sarah 0433 590 722 or the Parish Office.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

On the weekend of 10/11 June, the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ, 24 young members of our parish community will be initiated into the ongoing life of the Church by receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This will occur at 2 parish Masses - Saturday 5:30pm (9), and Sunday 10:00am (15). The following weekend 17/18 June they will receive certificates acknowledging this event, at all three weekend Masses.

It is essential that these children (with a parent/guardian) attend the practise evening on Wednesday 7 June at 7:30pm in the Church. If this cannot occur for a legitimate reason, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 before the practise date.

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 – JOIN BISHOP VINCENT AT A LISTENING EVENT!

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of the nearby locations to have your say. Events start at 6.30pm with light refreshments on Saturday 3 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta or Saturday 17 June at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School, Marayong. To register for your local consultation and to learn more about the Diocesan synod, visit parracatholic.org/synod2023.

REVIVAL FIRE - A SERIES OF TALKS BY DISCIPLES OF JESUS COMMUNITY

The Disciples of Jesus Community presents *Revival Fire*, a series of talks that take you on an epic journey to understand and learn more about the Charismatic Renewal and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join them on Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm, from 4th June to 27th August 2023 (13 weeks) in Christ the King Parish Hall. Contact Matthew Leslie on 0409 295 962 or matthew.leslie@DOJCCIInternational.org for more information. Please note 18th June and 20th August will be Charismatic Healing Masses, held at St Andrew, Marayong Catholic Church.

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING: 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 Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Monday 5 June from 4pm. Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Christ the King School will once again be fundraising for cancer by supporting the Biggest Morning Tea. One third of all cancers can be prevented, with cancer prevention being one of the most effective ways we can create a cancer free future. This year the students at CTK will be marking the day by learning about sun safety and wearing a splash of yellow. Please use the QR code or this [link](#) if you are able to donate to the Cancer Council.



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.

JRS FOODBANK

Thank you to those who have donated to the Jesuit Refugee Service which is supporting 150 families a week with demand for help still growing. Many of the families that are served are not eligible for Centrelink or 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. The following essential items are especially needed:

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| Cooking oil (1L - 2L bottles) | Basmati Rice | Dry/canned chickpeas | Canned/dry red or green lentils |
| Long life milk (1L bottles) | Toiletries | Tuna in oil | Detergent (laundry & kitchen) |
| Pantry essentials (Sugar, salt, instant coffee, tea bags) | Biscuits & snacks | Nappies (sizes 1-6) | |

Items can be left in the Church foyer and will be taken by a member of the parish to the JRS office.

SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care, a Catholic operator, and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit:

www.savecalvary.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.