



# Sunday, 21st May, 2023

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### 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  
**Phone:** 9871 8710

**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto: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, Jenny Comisso 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:** Aldo Ottolina, Terry Doherty (brother of Trish Yates).

**ANNIVERSARY:** Giuseppina Ronzini, John Hearne.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator - God, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the Church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the Church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the Church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include.

We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

## SUPPLY PRIEST

We welcome Father Paul Hanna who will be celebrating the 8am Mass this Sunday morning.



## FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This weekend parishioners are invited to take an enrolment card of the First Communion Candidates and pray for the child and his/her family during the program.

## 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 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20  
Next Week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**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.*

### 20th & 21st May - The Ascension of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Liza Jilesh Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	James Ryan	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook, Terri Hirschhorn

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Mario Azzopardi, John Lacey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey, Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Ryan Brown, Brian Euhus

### 27th & 28th May - Pentecost Sunday

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown	Lorraine Murphy	Veronica Raic Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Levi Brown	Leila Safy

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

**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

## 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.

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

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? 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. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal today. Envelopes are available for your tax-deductible contribution or you can donate at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://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.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 28th May we will 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 are also requesting volunteers to read the prayers of the faithful in their native language. If you would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office so we can give you the English script to translate. 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.



## LISTENING CONSULTATION ON TONIGHT FOR 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 this week, **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. Parishioners are welcome to attend either evening and contribute to this ongoing consultation and listening exercise.

## 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@DOJCCInternational.org](mailto:matthew.leslie@DOJCCInternational.org) for more information. Please note 18th June and 20th August will be Charismatic Healing Masses, held at St Andrew, Marayong Catholic Church.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION THIS WEEKEND

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 was Mother's Day, the date has been changed to this 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. This session will be the Listening Consultation for the Parramatta Diocesan Synod. 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).

## **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 are interested please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332.

## **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 CTK Church on the third Wednesday of each month from February to November from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The next session is Wednesday, June 21st. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: [mariana\\_tomasovic@hotmail.com](mailto:mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com) or Deacon John Collins: [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## **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:

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.

## **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.