



**Sunday, 18th June, 2023**  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**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](http://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:**

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151  
**Phone:** 9871 8710  
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**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, Mark Cheeseman, Brian & Warren Johnson, Margaret McCaffrey, Ken Sunderland, Barbara Ison, Marija Barclay, Pat McAppion, Ace Sortisas, Margaret Martin, Tina Coorey, Helene Graham, Peter Reiter, Mimi Jayatilaka, Sandra Neill, Abraham Concepcion, Oliver Ofiana, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Sonia Merchant.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Barrie Lum (brother of Graham Lum).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gai Perosin, Rita Bellemore.

**REFLECTION**

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach.

We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the children who received the Eucharist for the first time last weekend and to Joshua Wibowo who will receive First Holy Communion at the 8.00am Mass today. The children will be presented with certificates at their chosen Masses this weekend as a memento of this special occasion.



**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: Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8  
 Next Week's Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

**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.*

### 17th & 18th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Inge Wienker John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Chris Brown	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	James Ryan	Jecy Vaz

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi, Ken Coorey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1:** Leslie Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Rosemarie Maroon, Louise Howitt, Paul Cook, Frances Gallagher

### 24th & 25th June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Veronica Raic Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sam Safy Dawn Peat	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, John Lacey, Ken Coorey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Gillian Mobbs & Lanny Carter

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Li family, Daniel & Eliska and their daughters Evelyn and Sophie. We also welcome the Fordyce family, Benjamin & Megan and their son Joshua, and the Low family, Adrian & Jessica and their sons Nathaniel and Ethan. May these children'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.



## CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

The Winter Edition of Catholic Outlook is now available. Free copies of this publication can be found on the table in the church foyer. Take one home with you today.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes for the 2023/2024 financial year are now available for collection from the church foyer. If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of the parish through the envelope contribution system, please complete the white 'Planned Giving / Credit Card / Debit Authorisation' card that can be found in the church foyer and drop it into the 'Parish Communications Box' beside the inner central doors.

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 20th September commencing at 7:30pm. In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy we will conduct a parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for the children to receive this sacrament.

A pre-requisite of children being confirmed is that they have already received First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised in Eastern Rite (Uniate Churches, e.g. Maronite, Melchite, Ukrainian, Chaldean etc.) may have already been confirmed at Baptism and do not need to participate in this programme if this is the case.

Children in **Year Five and above** are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

The program for preparation will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians on Wednesday, 26th July commencing at 7:30pm in the Church, where the program will be explained and any questions answered.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is vital that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

## WE THANK YOU!

The Parish Council and Parish community wish to extend a huge thank you to the Community Refugee Team being run from CTK. This dedicated and selfless group of people are continuing to help and mentor a family who recently arrived in Australia. Please extend your thanks to these people should you run into them - Rosanne and Ellen Vaughan, John and Sue DeCourcy, Rosemary Wickham, Lorraine Murphy, Majella Fernando and Mike and Trish Yates.

## GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Mark Friday 21st July in your diaries. The GNG will start up again at the beginning of Term 3. Note the change in day to Friday. We will meet every second Friday during the school term in the Mary MacKillop Hall from 10:00am (after Friday morning Mass) till approximately 12 noon. Activities include bingo, morning tea, good conversation and we are looking for someone who might be able to run some Tai Chi for us. Everyone is welcome so please spread the word. Watch this space for more details.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT

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. A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome. The next session on tonight, Sunday, 18th June, is 'Images of Mary in Art' presented by Dr Sandra Carroll.

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).

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHANGE OF DATE

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Tuesday, 20th June. The date has been moved from Wednesday due to a clash with the NRL State of Origin.

## **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's, Marayong Catholic Church.

## **FAMILIES CALLED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES WITH THE FIRST DIOCESAN SYNOD**

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found here: [https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\\_resources/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/)

## **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. 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.

## **DIOCESAN ADULT CONFIRMATION: 5 SEPTEMBER**

Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@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](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.