



Sunday, 11th June, 2023

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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 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:

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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: Eric Vaughan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Emmanuel Gialanze, Afifi Elchaar.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one.

The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

FATHER IAN AWAY THIS WEEK

Father Ian will be in Adelaide from the 12-16 June enjoying a reunion with his ordination to priesthood classmates (1983) who are travelling from across Australia and overseas to be together to celebrate 40 years of priesthood. Whilst away parishioner Graham Lum will conduct Communion Services on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at the normal Mass times.



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: Deut 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Next Week's Readings: Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

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.

10th & 11th June - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sam Safy Sarah Cook	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Anne-Marie Makin, Lorraine Murphy

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Gemma Smart

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	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

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.

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 12.00pm. 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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2023

CONGRATULATIONS to the 24 children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. We welcome them fully into our Parish Community and we thank all that have assisted in the preparation that has led them to this day, particularly their parents and the Parish Sacramental Team. A reminder that next weekend a Certificate as a memento of this special occasion will be presented at the Sunday Mass chosen by the family. It will also be an opportunity for these children to receive Holy Communion for the second time with us.



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 for more information. Please note 18th June and 20th August will be Charismatic Healing Masses, held at St Andrew's, Marayong Catholic Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHANGE OF DATE

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

BIGGEST MORNING TEA THANK YOU

A big thank you to the CTK school and church community. This year we raised over \$2400 for cancer research.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

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 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.

WALKING TOGETHER - INTERFAITH CONSULTATIONS

As part of our Diocesan Synod consultations, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Interfaith Commission of the Diocese of Parramatta are co-hosting a series of consultations to discuss how we are called to walk together with believers from other religions. Consultations will be held on Tuesday 13 June at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre or Tuesday 27 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm to 9pm.

THANK YOU FOR BEING THE FACE OF CHRIST TO OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our First Nations brothers and sisters in need. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised over \$2170 which will help to provide life-changing support to our Aboriginal brothers and sisters and anyone experiencing hardship. Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including Aboriginal Catholic Care.

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:

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 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.bpoin.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.