



Sunday, 4th June, 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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 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.

DECEASED: Narciso, Conchita and Alma Pelayo.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the 2023-2024 financial year are available today in the church foyer for those who are registered to donate to the parish via the envelope system.



CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Craft who has completed the course for the Distribution of Communion to the Sick and Dying and who received her certificate during Mass last Sunday.

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 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
 Next Week's Readings: Deut 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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.

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	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy Dawn Peat	Volunteer Needed	Margaret Coakley

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

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	Rob Haddad 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

FATHER IAN AWAY 12-16 JUNE

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION THANK YOU

Thank you to all who gave to the Project Compassion Appeal this Easter. A total of \$6363.60 has been sent to Caritas Australia to be used to empower vulnerable communities throughout the world.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST



Next weekend, 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 this 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's, Marayong Catholic Church.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.