



Sunday, 25th June, 2023

TWELFTH 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
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: Bill Moore, Barrie Lum, Paul Cotter.

ANNIVERSARY: Doreen Ulbrick.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship.

We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

LINE MARKING IN CAR PARK

On Monday 3 July, weather permitting, the parish car park will be unavailable as line marking, wheel stops, and signage will be positioned for the safety of all. Current disability spaces will be transferred to another space in the car park due to the non-compliance of the current area (on a slope). The car park will be closed for two days (in school holidays) to allow signage to dry effectively. The cost of this project will be around \$5,000 and will be carried out by City Line Marking and Maintenance.



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: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
 Next Week's Readings: 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Veronica Raic Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	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

1st & 2nd July - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Ron Ruskin	Inge Wienker Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Tianna Fernandes	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy during school holidays

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

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

WATCH BISHOP VINCENT ON ABC'S COMPASS

Bishop Vincent features on ABC Compass this Sunday, 25 June. Accompanied by Geraldine Doogue, he will show you important places in his life, and you'll hear about his remarkable story and ministry. Watch it on ABC TV at 6.30pm or later on ABC iView.

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.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Mark Friday 21st July in your diaries. The GNG will start up again at the beginning of school 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.

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. Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources 'Synod at Home' found at https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/

WALKING TOGETHER - INTERFAITH CONSULTATION

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. The next consultation will be held on Tuesday 27 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6:30pm to 9pm. All are welcome to attend and to listen to leaders from the Hindu and Islamic traditions who will share their perspectives on interfaith.

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.

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.

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 from 9:30am to 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC CARE NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS: 4 JULY

You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday 4 July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10am to 2pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles & much more.

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCE: 15 JULY

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023. Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495 or contact mary.gale@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 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.