



Sunday, 9th July, 2023

FOURTEENTH 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 Friday at 10am

#### 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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**Phone:** 9871 8710  
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**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, Renzo De Luca, 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:** Vic Javian (Uncle of Louis Kastoun), Fr Noel Molloy, Fr Austin Cooper OMI.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Saverio Pignatelli.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself. The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend the Christ the King Vinnies Conference will be conducting its Winter Appeal. The rising cost of living expenses is putting more low income and vulnerable people in need of their support. The focus this year is on homelessness, a situation that can affect people of all ages. We again ask you to support those in need. Your donation on the day, via the donation envelopes or cash buckets, will enable the Conference to have funds to support the needy and disadvantaged people in our local area.



## 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: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Next Week's Readings: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

**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.*

### 8th & 9th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Volunteer Needed	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Caroline Thurairatnam
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Operator Needed	Leila Safy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4:** Anna Hunt & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Marc & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

### 15th & 16th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	John DeCourcy Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Lorraine Murphy	Sam Safy Dawn Peat	James Ryan	Leila Safy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, Peter Bosci, Mario Azzopardi

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6:** Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

## LINE MARKING IN THE PARISH CAR PARK

The new line marking were completed in the parish car park last Monday. Many thanks once again to Robert Campbell for oversighting this project. Now that the work has been completed, please abide by the directions e.g. obey the one way directions; park within the designated spaces; obey the non-parking signage, keep to the advisory speed of 10 km, and when people are crossing on the designated crossing from the school to the hall recognise that they have right-of-way over vehicles. Note also that the disabled spaces have moved (now the first two car spaces past the entrance to the church) and that the previous disabled spaces are reserved Monday to Friday during school hours for a maximum of 15-minute parking (and availability for emergency services). The disabled and elderly are recommended, if walking, to utilise the railings on the right-hand side of the church entrance as the ground has an incline and in wet weather (not just for the elderly) can be slippery for people wearing shoes with no grip. If we all respect these regulations, we will increase safety for all.



## 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

The GNG will start up again from Friday, 21st July and 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. Note the change in day to Friday. 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/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/).

## 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 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 session this Sunday is 'Building Bridge Inter-religious Dialogue with a special emphasis on Muslim-Christian relations in Western Sydney'. This session will be presented by Dr Patrick Mcinerney SSC, editor of 'Bridges'. Come and meet this remarkable Columban who spent some 20 years on mission in Pakistan.

For more information, or if you would like to assist with organising these sessions, contact Deacon John through the parish office or via email [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## PARISH PLAYGROUP INTEREST

As our community continues to return to normal after the Pandemic, we are seeking interest to restart the Parish Playgroup. In the past, young families from our school, parish and local community met one morning a week/fortnight in the Parish Hall to share some collegiality and socialise with their children. If this is something that you would like to participate in, please email the parish office with your details.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Fr Ian will be celebrating 40 years as a priest at 10.00am Mass Sunday 20th August. All welcome!

## Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf: 13 August

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team in the City 2 Surf. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests and community. Visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocesan seminarians to become priests. Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.

### SHARING OUR STORY

Sharing Our Story is a 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, July 19. 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. 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 Tinned tomatoes Dry/canned chickpeas Canned/dry red or green lentils  
Long life milk (1L bottles) Toilettries Tuna in oil Red kidney beans 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 LITURGICAL CONFERENCE: 15 JULY

Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the keynote speaker at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong 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. Register at [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495).

### 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.