



Sunday, 13th August, 2023

NINETEENTH 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 1st & 3rd Friday at 10:00am

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; Sue Ferguson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Arthur Saad.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Lum, William Floyd.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

ASSUMPTION MASSES THIS TUESDAY - 15 AUGUST

9:15am (school children attending) and 7:30pm.

REPLACEMENT PRIEST

The Diocese has announced the appointment of Fr John Hogan (former Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park) to substitute for Fr Ian whilst he is away on long service leave (from 21 August to 3 November). Father John will remain living at Harris Park (where he resides) and commute to North Rocks to celebrate the sacraments. He can be contacted through the parish secretary. We wish Fr John well in the time he spends with us.



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: 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
 Next Week's Readings: Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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.

12th & 13th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Danielle Dona Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella, 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: Sarah Cook

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

19th & 20th August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Lance Parker	Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Minister Needed
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Jim Kinsella	Rob Haddad Sam Safy	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Erin Wynne, Rachel Parnaby

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: 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: Ellen Vaughan

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



CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENT

Children who have registered for the 2023 Confirmation Sacramental Program will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three Masses this weekend. It is essential that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for a legitimate reason. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 20th September with a Liturgy of the Word by Bishop Vincent commencing at 7:30pm.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

The Good Neighbourhood Group began on Friday 21st July with a bang. Those who attended had a wonderful time doing Tai Chi, chatting, playing bingo and having delicious morning tea. The next meeting will be this Friday, 18th August in Mary MacKillop Hall after 9:15am Mass (approx. 10:00am) then every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month till the end of the year. A cost of \$5 is asked to help cover food and prizes. Spread the word, all are welcome!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit their website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

CELEBRATION FOR FR IAN NEXT SUNDAY

Father Ian will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination at the 10:00am Mass next Sunday, 20th August. Please join us at the Mass and morning tea following to help him celebrate this special event. If you are attending the Mass, you may wish to try out your culinary skills by bringing a plate of finger food to share with other parishioners and guests at the morning tea following the Mass.



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. The session this Sunday, 13th August is 'Mary Magdalene: The Myths and the Biblical Texts' presented by Dr Debra Snoddy from the Catholic Institute of Sunday and the University of Notre Dame.

This talk will engage parishioners in the process of recovering the biblical portrait of Mary Magdalene. In 1969 Paul VI confirmed that she was a disciple who came with Jesus from Galilee and stayed with him at the cross when most of his followers had left. On the third day, she went to his tomb early, searched for, and encountered the risen Christ. Her discipleship of Jesus is confirmed when Jesus himself sent her to be the apostle to the apostles. So, how was it that, for much of the Christian era, she has been viewed as a penitent, a fallen woman? Why has her image as a penitent remained so strong in Christianity, and particularly in Roman Catholicism? Even in more recent publications used in popular Roman Catholic devotion, she is still portrayed as "the adulterous woman the Pharisees want to stone." There is an attempt to make a determined effort in Roman Catholicism to improve the biblical literacy of the faithful and their understanding of this Saint of Saints.

A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHEETS

From this weekend, we are excited to share with families an extra to the regular parish bulletin. We have available a Children's Worksheet to print off at home or to take home with you after Mass. It includes the Sunday's Gospel in child-friendly language as well as some worksheet tasks to do at home. A reminder also that Children's Liturgy is offered for preschool to Yr 6 children during 10am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during school term.

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 on Saturday 2 September from 9:30am to 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Adult Confirmation is for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. For information, contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or hannah.portelli@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.

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, 16th August. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

THE SWAG: The latest edition of The Swag magazine has just arrived. Collect your free copy from the Church foyer.

FaithLIFE – 3 NIGHT SHORT COURSE ON SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY: BEGINNING 22 AUGUST

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 22 Aug, 29 Aug & 5 Sept. Downstairs in Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>.

CASTLE HILL PARISH - AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC: 25 AUGUST

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music on Friday 25 August at 7:30pm. The event will include performances by choirs, music groups and soloists from around the Diocese, performing a selection of hymns and choral music. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/CJISM>. Light refreshments included. For information: St Bernadette's parish office on 9634 2622 or admin@stbernadette.org.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.