



Sunday, 6th August, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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 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

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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: Patricia Andrews.

DECEASED: Mary and Peter Lee.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed. The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

ASSUMPTION MASSES ON 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: Dan 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Next Week's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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.

5th & 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Inge Wienker Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Sam Safy	Levi Brown	Minister Needed

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Erin Wynne

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP 3: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Louise Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

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



CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Thank you to the parents who attended the Confirmation information evening (26 July) and have now registered their child for the Sacramental Program. Children will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three Masses next weekend: Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00am. 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 Confirmation Program resource materials can be collected currently from the Parish Office (Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm). Ensure these are collected before next weekend so you can fill in the enrolment card which is to be presented at one of next weekend's Masses. The Sacrament of Confirmation (outside of the Eucharist) will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 20th September commencing at 7:30pm by Bishop Vincent.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

The Good Neighbourhood Group began on Friday 21st July with a bang. We had a wonderful time doing Tai Chi, chatting, playing bingo and having yummy morning tea. The next meeting will be this Friday, 11th August in Mary MacKillop Hall after 9:15am Mass (approx. 10:00am) then dates as follows: 18th August, 1st & 15th September. A cost of \$5 is asked to help cover food and prizes. Spread the word, all are welcome!

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

Father Ian will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of ordination at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday 20th August. Please join us at the Mass and morning tea following to help him celebrate this special event.



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/>.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION - 13 AUGUST

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 next 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.

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.

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.

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/>.

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 to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocesan seminarians to become priests. Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.

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 be a night of 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/CJSM>. Entry includes light refreshments during intermission. For more information, please contact the St Bernadette's parish office on 9634 2622 or email 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.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.