



# Sunday, 20th August, 2023

## TWENTIETH 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 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:** Cecelia Newman, Luigi Giacomelli.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

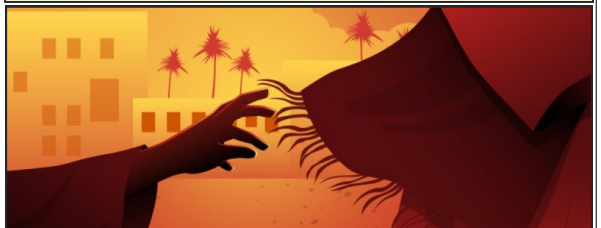
The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition.

Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

## WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING PARISH

We welcome Father Ian's family and guests who are joining us at the 10.00am Mass today to celebrate his 40th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood. We invite you to join the parishioners of Christ the King for a celebratory morning tea and sausage sizzle following the Mass.



## 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: Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Next Week's Readings: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**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.*

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Lance Parker	Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	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, Rosemary Wickham

**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

### 26th & 27th August - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy Dawn Peat	Levi Brown	Jecy Vaz

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

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

**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: Marea Mooney

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



## CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

During the Masses last weekend, 31 children were liturgically enrolled in the Confirmation Program and will now begin their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, 20th September. This weekend we invite parishioners to take the enrolment card of a Candidate and pray for that child and his/her family during the program.

## 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 take place on Friday, 1st September 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](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit their website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

## CONGRATULATIONS FATHER IAN

Congratulations to Father Ian on this special day of celebration for the 40th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood.

*All parishioners are invited to join Fr Ian, his family and guests today at the 10.00am Mass and morning tea following the Mass, to help him celebrate this special event and to farewell him as he embarks on a well-deserved holiday overseas.*



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHEETS

We are excited to share with families an extra to the regular parish bulletin each week. We have available a Children's Worksheet to print off at home or to take home with you after Mass. The sheets are available from the Church foyer. and include 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 10.00am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during school term.

## 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. They are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November with the next session on Sunday, 10th September. Everyone 16 and over is welcome to participate. 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](mailto:john.collins@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](mailto:mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com) or Deacon John Collins: [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PAPAL, CIVIL AND DIOCESAN AWARDS

From today until Thursday 7 September 2023, you can nominate an outstanding individual who has contributed to the Catholic Church and society for a Papal Honours Award, Civil Award or Diocesan Award. Please visit [parracatholic.org/awards](http://parracatholic.org/awards). The Awards Ceremony will be held in November. More details to come.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2023

On 20th September we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and above)

On 12th and 13th December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above).

## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEES CELEBRATION

You are warmly invited to a family-friendly event with Bishop Vincent and our migrant communities for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees on Saturday 16 September, 2pm – 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. Come hear stories, enjoy free entertainment and activities. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-world-day-of-refugees-and-migrants-tickets-675662363317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

## 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://pfarra.org.au/faithlife/>.

**THE SWAG:** The latest edition of The Swag magazine is available from the Church foyer.

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

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill will be hosting an evening of Sacred Music this 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](mailto:admin@stbernadette.org.au).

Dear the Christ the King Parish, North Rocks Community,

We would like to thank you for your generous ongoing donations to the Jesuit Refugee Service Australia Foodbank since Easter! Your solidarity and compassion, especially during these very tough times, means a great deal.

We deeply appreciate your support of our services and want you all to know that your kindness has directly helped the 150 families that access our foodbank service each week.

We couldn't do our work without you!

Sincerely,  
The Jesuit Refugee Service Australia Team



## 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.