



Sunday, 24th September, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME Year A



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Administrator: Rev Fr John Hogan
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, Anthony Sullivan, Mark Cheeseman, Brian, Bev & Warren Johnson, Lillian Davidson, Mike Gordon, Barbara Ison; Margaret McCaffrey, Ken Sunderland, 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: Betty Campbell (Mother of Robert Campbell. Funeral Friday 6th October at 10.30am at CTK Church).

ANNIVERSARY: Victoriana Castaneda.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us.

As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS NEXT WEEKEND

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward on Saturday night.



THE RECONCILIATION INFORMATION EVENING for parents of children in Year 3 and above will take place on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK: The 2023 Spring |Season of Creation edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is available from the Church foyer. Collect your free copy today.

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: Isaiah 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24,27; Mt 20:1-16

Next Week's Readings: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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.

23rd & 24th September - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 8am	Volunteer Needed	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	James Ryan	Minister Needed

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, John Lacey, Barbara Craft

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

30th September & 1st October - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Elliott Liza Jilesh	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Dawn Peat Rob Haddad	James Ryan	Leila Safy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

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

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



MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY FUNDRAISER SALE AFTER MASSES TODAY

CTK Refugee Outreach is continuing to mentor a family from Iran through Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia. They are raising money for the family for some much-needed and expensive dental care. They are selling plants, baked goods, home and gift wares after all Masses this weekend. To celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday, donated baked goods from your country of origin would be greatly appreciated. Please support this worthy cause! If you would like further information or would like to donate baked goods, please contact Ellen Vaughan via the parish office on 9871 8710.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

A meeting will take place on Wednesday, 18th October beginning at 7:30pm in the church for parents/guardians (not children) wishing to enrol their children in the First Reconciliation Program. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above. First Reconciliation is a prerequisite for children to undertake the other two sacraments of initiation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Information regarding the sacramental program and enrolment will be explained on that evening. It is essential that parents attend this meeting.

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 Year 6 children during 10.00am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during school term.



CONFIRMATION 2023

Congratulations to the children who were confirmed by Bishop Vincent last Wednesday evening and to all involved in their preparation. These children will receive their certificates acknowledging this event on the weekend of 14/15 October, following the school break..

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.

The aim of the sessions is to further develop a community of mature inquisitive Catholics at Christ the King. The next Session is on 22nd October and the topic is "Insights from the Diocesan Synod, Implications for our parish life".

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 organizing these sessions, contact Deacon John through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

DIocese OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 29 OCTOBER

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29th October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or phone 8838 3460 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE

The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to congratulate Fr Tom Green following his ordination to the priesthood last Thursday. Visit catholicoutlook.org in the coming week for an article and photographs from the ordination as well as a video introducing him to the Diocese. We pray that he might be a faithful servant of God and wish him well in his new priestly ministry.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to a luncheon with the topic 'Food for Thought' presented by Jon Owen, Pastor and CEO of Wayside Chapel on Saturday, 14th October from 12.30pm. Tickets \$30. Hunters Hill Parish Hall, Cnr Mary Street & Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill. Email catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com for more information or payment.

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 this Wednesday, 18th October. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

CATHOLIC CARE CIRCLE OF SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM: STARTS 11 OCTOBER

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewbsm.org.au.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOUSE OF WELCOME

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au.

CATHOLIC CARE KEEPING KIDS IN MIND EDUCATION PROGRAM: STARTS 16 OCTOBER

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation. The course begins with a pre-session on 16 October from 6pm to 7pm, with a session each Monday from 6pm to 8.45pm from 23 October to 20 November. The cost is \$10 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewbsm.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.