



# Sunday, 3rd September, 2023

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A



**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Ian McGinnity  
**Visiting Priest:** 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](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:**

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151  
**Phone:** 9871 8710  
**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)  
**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, Betty Campbell, Anthony Sullivan, Mark Cheeseman, Brian & Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Mike Gordon, 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:** Kingsley Bowen.

**DECEASED:** Beniamino Cutrone, Jimmy Cutrone, Camelina Cutrone, Giuseppina Cutrone, George Cutrone Jnr.

## FATHER'S DAY

A Blessing Prayer for all the significant men  
in our lives

God of Kindness and Compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example: those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

*Greg Sunter*



### 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: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27  
 Next Week's Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

*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.*

### 2nd & 3rd September - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Minister Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Danielle Dona Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Sarah Cook	Jim Kinsella

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Mary Cook

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 1:** Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Roger Brewer

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3:** Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1:** CTK School Mums, Gemma Smart

### 9th & 10th September - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Leila Safy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Anne-Marie Makin, 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: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Lou Howitt, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Frances Gallagher

## FATHER'S DAY APPEAL TODAY

Today we acknowledge and give prayerful thanks to all our priests who have dedicated their lives to being servants of the Gospel, for God's people. Even in retirement, in sickness and in health, our priests continue to carry out God's ministry without question, staying involved in parish life and doing our Father's work for as long as they are able. Their vocation never ends, and neither does our shared responsibility to support them in any way we can. As Catholics, we are called to ensure there is always someone to care for our retired priests and those in ill-health, just as they will always love and care for us. With your generous gifts and prayers, our Clergy Support Foundation can ensure our priests will have personalised, compassionate care when needed.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. Donation envelopes are at the ends of the pews this weekend or you can donate by scanning the QR code. All donations are tax deductible.



## GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

The next meeting will take place on Friday, 15th September in Mary MacKillop Hall after 9:15am Mass (approx. 10:00am) and 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!



## CONFIRMATION 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 32 of our parish children in a ceremony officiated by Bishop Vincent Long on Wednesday, 20th September at 7.30pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards this important event in their spiritual life.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence this month. 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/>.

## 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.

The next session, on Sunday, 10th September is a response to a request from the Parish Pastoral Council. The session is a facilitated conversation on 'The Voice' and will provide an opportunity to explore the personal, social and cultural factors that are currently in play as, as a nation, we move towards this important Referendum. The session is to be facilitated by Deacon John Collins Ph.D. . 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).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

A limited number of copies of this year's Social Justice Statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* are available from the Church foyer.

## 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. Tickets \$30. Hunters Hill Parish Hall, Cnr Mary Street & Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill. Email [catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com) for more information or payment.

## 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).



## MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY FUNDRAISER SALE 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER AFTER THE MASSES

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 will be selling plants, baked goods, home and gift wares after all Masses on the weekend of 23/24 September. 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.

### 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, 20th September. 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

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.

### 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>.

### 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.