



# Sunday, 10th September, 2023

## TWENTY-THIRD 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](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, Bev & 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.

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

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully.

All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.



**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: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20  
 Next Week's Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

*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.*

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	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 Sarah Cook	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

### 16th & 17th September - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Danielle Dona Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Sam Safy Dawn Peat	Tianna Fernandes	Fadia Sleiman

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger, Mary Cook, Rachel Parnaby

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Lorraine Murphy, Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

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



## **MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY FUNDRAISER SALE 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER AFTER 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.

### **THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY**

Bishop Vincent and our Clergy Support Foundation thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$2200 to care for our retired priests and clergy in ill-health. Your gifts enable the Clergy Support Foundation to nurture our retired priests' physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. If you haven't had a chance to donate, envelopes are available on the seats again today or you can scan the QR code on the right. All donations are tax deductible. Please keep our retired priests in your prayers.



### **GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

The next meeting will take place this 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!

### **SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT - 'THE VOICE' DISCUSSION**

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 session tonight, 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).

### **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 with the Mini-Retreat to take place this Friday from 5.30 to 7.30pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards this important event in their spiritual life.

### **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.

### **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).

## SEASON OF CREATION: 1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration and this year's theme is, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. It started on 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis reminds us that the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation. He hopes that this synodal journey will foster deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, please contact the Peace, Justice and Ecology team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### 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](mailto: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 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).

### 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 this 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.