



Sunday, 29th October, 2023

THIRTIETH 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, Bev Johnson; Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Mike Gordon, Barbara Ison; Margaret McCaffrey, Ken Sunderland, Marija Barclay, Pat McAppion, Ace Sortisas, Margaret Martin, Tina Coorey, Helene Graham, Sandra Neill, Peter Reiter, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Sonia Merchant; David Ferguson; Barbara Heaton, Sue Ferguson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Johnson (husband of Bev Johnson)

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.



MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Thursday, 2nd November at 9:00am & 7:30pm at Christ the King.

MASS AT NORTH ROCKS CEMETERY

There will be Mass at North Rocks Catholic Cemetery at 4pm this Thursday November 2nd, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, followed by the blessing of graves. BYO chair for this outdoor Mass, which will be at St Gerard's Carlingford in the event of inclement weather.

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: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
 Next Week's Readings: Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

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.

28th & 29th October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Mariana Tomasovic	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	James Ryan	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Barbara Haddad & Lanny Carter

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

4th & 5th November - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Danielle Dona Veronica Raic	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Volunteer needed	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Tianna Fernandes	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

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



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL - HEARTS ON FIRE

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are a few of the many conditions present in the community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. With fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices and limited access to adequate care, many conditions worsen and sadly, can end in death. The Salesian Sisters took action and established the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. The Sisters in Venilale need support to maintain and stock the clinic with required resources which is why we invite you to partner with this essential program which will positively impact those most in need. Envelopes are available this weekend for your donation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation has now closed. Resource packages can be collected from the Parish Offices between 9:00am and 3:00pm this week. Next weekend, 4th & 5th November, those children who have been registered will be enrolled in a liturgical ceremony at all Masses: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am. Parents are reminded to bring the enrolment card, filled in, with them to be presented during Mass. First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th December.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY

Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday, 1st November at 9:00am to celebrate the solemnity of All Saints. On the following day, Thursday 2nd November, Masses will be celebrated for the commemoration of the faithful departed on All Souls Day at 9:00am and 7:30pm. The evening Mass on this day will particularly remember those who have died in our parish and whose funerals have been celebrated in the last few years.

NOVEMBER MASSES

St Ambrose preached, *"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayer into the house of the Lord."* For this reason parishioners are invited to put the names of their loved ones on the card provided on the table near the sanctuary and place on the commemorative wall during the month of November. The daily Mass will be said for their intentions. Envelopes are available to commemorate the memory of your loved one at Mass and their name will be placed in the Parish Memorial Book. Only recently deceased persons will be listed in the bulletin during the month of November.

YOUNG VINNIES

Some parents have enquired if there was a pathway for youth over the age of 18 to involve themselves with the Young Vinnies program. There are some opportunities that may arise for them to be placed on a Vinnies Van roster or simply assist in some of the works that the society performs locally. There would be conditions applied on any prospective applicant. For any further information contact Ron Giacomelli on 0411 316 363.

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 12th November and the topic is *"Did the Magi meet the Shepherds when Jesus was born? An exploration of the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke"*.

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 Collins through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST: 11 NOVEMBER

You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30am to 1:30pm. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Columban Calendars are available from the Church foyer at a cost of \$10 each. Please put your cash in the envelope provided and place in the Communications Box.



BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS CHRISTOPHER WHITE: 9 NOVEMBER

Vatican correspondent and Pope Francis expert Christopher White is coming to the Diocese of Parramatta as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's 'Bishop Vincent Presents' series. His public lecture "Will our faith have children? Reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after the October 2023 Synod on Synodality" will be held in Parramatta on Thursday 9 November at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 6pm. Places are strictly limited, so register today at <https://parracatholic.org/christopherwhite/>.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CATHEDRAL ORGAN CONCERT: 12 NOVEMBER

St. Patrick's Cathedral Organists, Choir and Guest Performers will present an array of performances at a Gala Concert to celebrate the 125th anniversary of St. Patrick's Cathedral Organ. The Concert will be held on Sunday 12 November, from 3pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets can be purchased via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CLUFN> or at the door. For more information contact Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

TABLE TALK AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, in conjunction with Jesuit Refugee Services, is hosting a Table Talk event on Wednesday, 8 November from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The event will be hosted in the Cathedral cloister hall. This Table Talk is a powerful community expression of sharing and learning around the refugee space in Australia. This will allow us to have a respectful dialogue and mutual sharing of personal stories around values that are important to us. The event has free entry, with online bookings via the QR code. There will be refreshments available and parking will be available onsite.



DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA APPEAL

Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

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.