



# Sunday, 15th October, 2023

## TWENTY-EIGHTH 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:**

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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, 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:** Allan Titmuss, Tony Raymond.

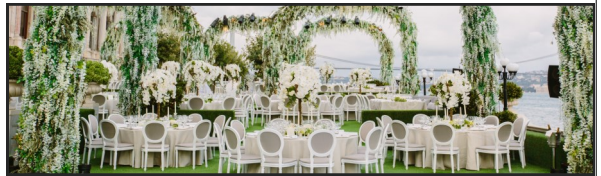
## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water.

Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.



### CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the children who were confirmed by Bishop Vincent last month and will receive their certificates at all Masses this weekend.

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

### 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 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Next Week's Readings: Is 45:1,4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

**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.*

### 14th & 15th October - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Liza Jilesh Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy Dawn Peat	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Peter Bosci, Rosemary Wickham

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Leni Adan

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

### 21st & 22nd October - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Veronica Raic Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Dominic Choi	Leila Safy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Ken Coorey, John Lacey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1:** Leslie Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

## **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 will be available next weekend for you to donate to this worthy cause.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY**

A meeting will take place this Wednesday, 18th October beginning at 7:30pm in the church for parents/guardians (not children) wishing to enroll 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.

### **DIOCESAN SYNOD: PLENARY INDULGENCE**

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, during the time of the Diocesan Synod (13 to 15 October) – devoutly visit the church in which the Synod is being held, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, and there recite one Our Father and the Creed (Nicene or Apostles'). In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met.

### **GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

The next meeting will take place this Friday, 20th October 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 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 usually 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 (after the Synod) 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 Collins through the parish office or via email [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone 8838 3460 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.



### **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](mailto:mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com) or Deacon John Collins: [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

### **MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO SICK & DYING WORKSHOP: 21 OCTOBER**

On Saturday, 21st October there will be an ongoing formation session for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying. It will be held from 9:30am until 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.) Morning tea and lunch will be provided. There are limited spaces available so please RSVP to Mary by 16th October at [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## 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](mailto: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 7:00-9:00pm. 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.



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

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is 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@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au).

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - ENGLISH TEACHERS, YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH MINISTERS

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. They are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. The volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centred around working with young people in educational settings. They are currently recruiting volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands. Applications close 31st October. Enquire at [www.cagliari.org.au](http://www.cagliari.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.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](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.