



# Sunday, 22nd October, 2023

## TWENTY-NINTH 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, 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.

**DECEASED:** Please pray for the souls of the faithfully departed.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc.

Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.



### **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 on 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: Is 45:1,4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21  
 Next Week's Readings: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

**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.*

### 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>	Volunteer needed	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

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

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

**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:** Gillian Mobbs & Lanny Carter

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2:** Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey



## 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

The initial meeting for parents was held last Wednesday where the program was explained. Parents can enrol their children for the program online on the parish website until Friday 27 October. On the weekend of 4/5 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 on 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.

### SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT

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 tonight, 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.



### 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.

### 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/](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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

## 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 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.



## CAMPION COLLEGE FESTIVAL: 28 OCTOBER

Campion College invites the local community to attend its inaugural Campion College Festival, which will be held on Sunday 28 October from 10am to 4pm at the college grounds in Toongabbie. Entry is free with a range of activities including food trucks, children's rides, campus tours, showbags and a second-hand book sale. All proceeds will go towards the Campion College Scholarship Fund. For more information, please visit [campion.edu.au/festival](http://campion.edu.au/festival).

## FREE FirstCPR TRAINING VOUCHERS

16 October is World Restart a Heart Day, a global initiative to raise awareness about the importance of CPR. FirstCPR, to which the Diocese of Parramatta is an organisation member, is offering a free training voucher for people wishing to learn CPR. To receive the voucher, contact the FirstCPR team by emailing [warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au) with the subject 'WRAH Day CPR training voucher'. For more information, contact [warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au) or call 0412 369 519.

## 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.