



Sunday, 8th October, 2023 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

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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 (funeral this Thursday at 10.30am), Betty Campbell.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit.

In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.



CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES NEXT WEEKEND

The children who were confirmed by Bishop Vincent last month will receive their certificates at all Masses next weekend.

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.

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: Isaiah 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
 Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14

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.

7th & 8th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Kerry Saad Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: John Lacey, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad, Lou Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Ellen Vaughan, Brian Euhus

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Liza Jilesh Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	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

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.

CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF OUR FIRST-EVER DIOCESAN SYNOD

All members of the faithful young and young at heart are invited to celebrate the beginning of the first-ever Diocesan Synod at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: Bridge to the Synod on Thursday 12 October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm. We're inviting our entire Diocesan community to experience and celebrate our young Church with live music, prayer, stalls, games and more!

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

The next meeting will take place on 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.

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 or phone 8838 3460 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.



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 this 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 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 on Wednesday, 18th October. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: 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 or 0460 037 795.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM DATE 2023

On 12th and 13th December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above).

CATHOLIC CARE CIRCLE OF SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM: STARTS 11 OCTOBER

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount or free training offers available to eligible families. To register and for enquiries, please call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - ENGLISH TEACHERS, YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH MINISTERS

The Cagliero 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.cagliero.org.au or 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 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.