



# Sunday, 12th November, 2023

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr John Alt (Meadowbank Parish), Rebecca Cook, Terry Leary (funeral on Friday 24th Nov at 10.30).

**ANNIVERSARY:** Madeleine Snaith.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. How it will happen, we do not know. When it will happen, we do not know. That it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps.

Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.



## MANY THANKS

Father Ian would like to express his thanks to Fr John Hogan and Deacon John Collins for substituting whilst he was on long service leave and to the many parishioners as well as our parish secretary, Frances Gallagher, for filling the breach whilst he was away with the duties that he normally does. It was greatly appreciated not only by Father Ian but the parish community that we serve.

## 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: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13  
 Next Week's Readings: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

**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.*

### 11th & 12th November - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Leila Safy

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Lorraine Murphy

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4:** Anna Hunt & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Marc & Carmela Corazza, Angela Lee, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

### 18th & 19th November - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Veronica Raic Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Leila Safy

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook, Mary Cook, Rachel Parnaby

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Mario Azzopardi, Rosemary Wickham

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

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

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

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

## FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

This weekend we will distribute the enrolment cards of the 30 children preparing for First Reconciliation to parishioners and invite them to pray for the children and their families. By now all parents should have collected the resource packages for the program and be able to assist their children with the materials provided leading up to their First Reconciliation.

### THE GIVING TREE

The Christ the King Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will place the Christmas Tree for our Giving Tree Hamper Appeal in the Church foyer on the weekend commencing 18th November. Suggestions for items required to enable us to pack Christmas Hampers can be taken from the tree and donations can be returned and placed in the Church foyer. We once again thank you for your continued support and generosity as we continue to support the poor and needy in our community.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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 held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November.

The last Session for the year is on tonight, 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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

### FAREWELL SISTER BRENDA KENNEDY CHF

Sr Brenda Kennedy CHF, the last of the Irish Holy Faith sisters in Australia, will be returning to Ireland in a few weeks' time to take up a leadership position in her congregation in Dublin. Sister Brenda taught at Christ the King many years ago and subsequently was principal of St Paul the Apostle primary school, Winston Hills; and later founding principal of Holy Family Primary School Mount Druitt. In recent years she has been working with the Parramatta Catholic Education office liaising with families where child attendance at school has been difficult. Sr Brenda often attends the Saturday evening mass here at North Rocks and lived for many years in the convent here. On Saturday evening 18 November at the 5:30pm Mass we will farewell her with a blessing and the good wishes of our community. This marks the end of an era of the Holy Faith sisters religious presence both in Australia and in our parish of Christ the King.

### 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.



### MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: 17 NOVEMBER

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

**LITURGY MEETING** this Tuesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

## 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 today, 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).

## 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.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY: 19 NOVEMBER

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 19 November from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for on-going meditators, presentations and prayer. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. For enquiries, please contact Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or call 9653 2637.

## LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY AND LEADERS COMMISSIONING MASS: 26 NOVEMBER

Catholic Youth Parramatta invites all youth leaders, new school leaders and young people to the annual Local World Youth Day & Leaders Commissioning Mass which will be held on Sunday 26 November (Feast of Christ the King) at 3.30pm at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. The Youth Mass will give thanks for the Youth ministry year so far and bless all leaders for their 2024 ministry year. Family, friends and community members are all invited to join in this celebration. For catering purposes, please RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## 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.