



Sunday, 19th November, 2023

THIRTY-THIRD 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, 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), Irene Chow (funeral Tuesday, 28 Nov at 10am), Terry Leary (funeral this Friday at 10.30), Rebecca Cook.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Next weekend we celebrate our parish feast day. Whilst the Bishop is unable to be with us this year, we will still fittingly celebrate this occasion after the 10am Mass. We particularly invite parishioners to bring a plate of food to share at the conclusion of the Mass and to enjoy each other's company. Unfortunately, three baptisms have been scheduled for that day at 11:15am which Fr Ian will be celebrating, but parishioners will still have the opportunity to share some refreshments and food with one another outside the 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: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

Next Week's Readings: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Liza Jilesh Danielle Dona	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

25th & 26th November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Liza Jilesh Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Mariana Tomasovic	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Tianna Fernandes	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham, Jim Kinsella

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Gemma Smart

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Next weekend, our Parish is proud to support the Bishop's Christmas Appeal, raising funds for our Catholic Care chaplaincy services. Our 15 chaplains provide the gifts of presence, faith, and spiritual guidance to people facing their darkest days. Your Christmas gift will help our chaplains to bring faith, hope, and comfort to people who are isolated and lonely in hospitals and prisons. Your kindness will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people suffering and in distress. Please give generously via the giving envelopes next weekend. Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE

The Christ the King Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has placed the Christmas Tree for our Giving Tree Hamper Appeal in the Church foyer. 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.



BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Andrich family, Michael & Jenny and their daughter Mia and the Savage family, Todd & Loretta and their daughter Giselle. May Mia and Giselle's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

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.

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. This 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.



THE SIGN - ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS

The Sign is an 80 page pocket-size book containing short, spiritually rich daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January). Available from the Church foyer, these books are free, but we ask that you drop a small offering in the Communication Box to cover costs.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ONLINE

Copies of the Christmas Catalogue of *That Catholic Shop* are available in the Church foyer. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. Visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the entire range and order online.

CLEANERS NEEDED

We need 2 people to help clean our church of a Saturday morning. The roster is every 6 weeks for approx. 2 hours and you will be part of a team. Please phone the parish office if you can help.

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA APPEAL

Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence in Gaza. 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.

AUSTRALIAN BRANDENBURG ORCHESTRA ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT: 12 DEC

Reel in the festive season with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir on Tuesday 12 December at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral for their annual Christmas concert, *Noël! Noël!*. The Brandenburg perform stunning choral works and Christmas classics, conducted by Artistic Director Paul Dyer. SPECIAL OFFER: Get four tickets for just \$149! There are less than 200 tickets remaining, so head to brandenburg.com.au or call 1300 782 856 to book your tickets now.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH FESTIVAL OF ST CECILIA

You are invited to join the parishioners of St Kevin's, Eastwood next Sunday for the 50th Anniversary Concert of the Festival of St Cecilia. 1.30 to 5.30pm at 36 Hillview Road, Eastwood. More information: www.kevinwoodorchestra.org.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY: 19 NOVEMBER

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day this Sunday 19 November from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. 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 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 to be held on Sunday 26 November 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 and friends are all invited to join in this celebration. Please RSVP to 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 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.