



# Sunday, 28th January, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Year B



**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Ian McGinnity  
**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  
**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:** Sr Catherine Maddock, Fr Kevin Bates, Bishop Peter Ingham, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Bev Johnson; Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Anthony Sullivan, Margaret Merritt, Marija Barclay, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Heaton, Ken Sunderland, Pat McAppion, Margaret Martin, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Helene Graham, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Sue Ferguson. Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Sonia Merchant, Reg Bonnici, Mary Ahern, Tessie Bonney.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Paola Mazzullo (funeral this Wednesday at 11am).

**ANNIVERSARY:** Annie Lum

**DECEASED:** Narciso, Conchita & Alma Pelayo

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

## LENTEN PROGRAM 2024

The season of Lent commences this year on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. If you would like to facilitate or take part in a Lenten Program, please let the parish office know this week so books can be ordered. On offer is the Garratt program called Living in Harmony written by six leading authors including Sr Joan Chittister.

Another program which will be available this year is 'A Resurrected Life' from the Archdiocese of Brisbane and these booklets will be available next week for you to take home.



## 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: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28  
 Next Week's Readings: Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**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 phone 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.*

### 27th & 28th January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad John De Courcy	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Volunteer needed	Jim Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Tianna Fernandes	Fadia Sleiman

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** No Children's Liturgy during school holidays

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, Jim Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi

**COUNTER GROUP:** 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey and Barbara Haddad

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Ryan Brown

### 3rd & 4th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Liza Jilesh Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Caroline Thurairatnam Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Dawn Peat	James Ryan	Marea Mooney

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Erin Wynne

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

**COUNTER GROUP 3:** Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt, Graeme Gardiner

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

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

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



## **SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

Volunteers from Christ the King Parish teach Catholic Scripture to students at North Rocks Public School and Carlingford West Public School. We urgently need volunteers, particularly to help us cover classes this year. If you are able to be part of this rewarding ministry, please contact the parish office

on 9871 8710 or at [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org).

Classes at North Rocks Public School are held on Tuesdays at the following times: 9:05 to 9:35am; 9:40 to 10:10am; 10:15 to 10:45am

Classes at Carlingford West Public School are held on Wednesdays at the following times: 1:25 to 2:05pm; 2:05 to 2:45pm; 2:45 to 3:15pm

We use the Christ Our Light and Life Program. Teachers have a handbook which gives detailed notes to follow for each lesson. Students have an Activity Book which has a variety of activities for each lesson. Training for volunteers is held each year with classes being held either face to face or online. All volunteers must complete the Office of Safeguarding training prior to commencing. This can either be done online or face to face. The online details are: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>.

## **PLEASE CONSIDER IN 2024**

An invitation is extended to parishioners over the age of 18 to seriously consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council which assists the parish priest in administering the Parish. Our current Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some members have resigned due to other commitments and others have been on the Council for a significant period of time.

The Parish also requires two representatives from the Parish to sit on the Northern Deanery Pastoral Council to similarly assist the Dean in the pastoral care and unity of the Northern Deanery.

Father Ian is also seeking new members for the Parish Finance Committee to renew and replace existing members.

These are important ministries in our local Church so we ask all parishioners to reflect honestly on whether they can be of service to the Church in any of these roles to help build up the Body of Christ and to participate in decision-making. Anyone wishing to offer themselves for any of these positions or for further information can contact us via email [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone the parish office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

## **6 WEEKS OF LENT – GIVE 6 THINGS TO JRS FOODBANK**

Right now, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia is supporting 150 families a week, and the demand for help keeps growing. The families we serve are not eligible for Centrelink or Medicare and many don't have work or study rights. With the rising cost of living, many are struggling to have enough food and essential items to meet their family's weekly needs. Any and all support would be greatly appreciated during the Lenten season where we are called to remember Jesus' sacrifice and love.

To help keep everyone fed, we are asking parishioners to donate one item a week:

Week of the 1st Sunday of Lent, 18 Feb: Basmati rice;

Week of the 2nd Sunday of Lent, 25 Feb: Cooking or olive oil

Week of the 3rd Sunday of Lent, 3 March: Dried red lentils (375g, 500g or 1kg)

Week of the 4th Sunday of Lent, 10 March: Dishwashing detergent;

Week of the 5th Sunday of Lent, 17 March: Laundry detergent;

Palm Sunday, 24 March: Long life milk.

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

The next Session is on Sunday, 11th February and the topic is "Why Do Lent". This topic, led by Dr Debra Snoddy, will take broad looking perspective on the Season of Lent. What does it mean to "do" Lent, and "do it properly"? We will look at the reasons and motivations for Lent and why, as Catholics, we continue with this tradition which seems so out of step with the modern world. What can we gain from the experiences that Lent has to offer? And why bother keeping its practises alive anyway?

Come along to be challenged and guided into this significant season in the Catholic calendar.

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).

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. For information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

### DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 10 FEBRUARY

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February to [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org).



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - 1 MARCH

You are invited to attend a World Day of Prayer Service on 1 March at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Canyon Road, Baulkham Hills. The focus this year is on the women of Palestine, who have prepared prayers and stories. For information please call Lyn Keane on 0412 689 261.

### 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 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 Wednesday, February 21. 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).

### BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS A CONVERSATION WITH MONS TOMAS HALIK: 12 FEBRUARY

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on Monday 12 February at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.

### **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.