



Sunday, 14th January, 2024

SECOND 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
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

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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Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

THE SICK: Sr Catherine Maddock, Bishop Peter Ingham, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Bev Johnson; Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Mike Gordon, Margaret McCaffrey, Marija Barclay, David Ferguson Ken Sunderland, Barbara Heaton, 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: Nathan Ervin Gopiau.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Magill, Marco Lulic.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!



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: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Next Week's Readings: Jonah3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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 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.

13th & 14th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Sue DeCourcy	Liza Jilesh John DeCourcy	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Volunteer Needed	Jim Kinsella	Danielle Dona Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP : 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt and Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Louise Howitt, Frances Gallagher, Rosemary Maroon, Paul Cook

20th & 21st January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson	Liza Jilesh Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Veronica Raic	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Levi Brown	Leila Safy

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Mario Azzopardi, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP : 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac and Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

2024

The 14th day of February will be Ash Wednesday.

On the 31st day of March you will exalt in the full celebration of the Passover of our Lord, Jesus Christ at Easter.

The 12th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The 19th day of May will be the feast of Pentecost.

On the 2nd day of June, we will celebrate 1st Holy Communion on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 18th and 19th of September we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On the 24th day of November we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, our patronal Feast.

On the 10th and 11th of December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

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 or phone the parish office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

Due to the effects of Covid 19 and an ageing worshipping demography, our parish needs to renew membership of essential parish ministries. These include liturgical ministries: readers at Mass, special ministers of the Eucharist, Senior servers (acolytes), welcomers and ushers, musicians and cantors, as well as people to operate the computer for PowerPoint presentations. We also need assistance with the money counting, altar society and floral decorations, Church cleaning and ministry to the sick.

These ministries are crucial to the life of the parish. Please consider taking on one of these roles to keep our Church alive. Don't think other people can do it. Our baptism calls each of us to participate actively in the life of our Church. Please consider joining one of these ministries and contact the parish office by phone on 9871 8710 or via email on northrocks@parracatholic.org to nominate where you can assist.

AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY - WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 7.00PM

MARY MACKILLOP HALL

Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited to join us in a discussion around how the 2023 Parramatta Diocesan Synod Resolutions can be implemented in the CTK community. Although there is no requirement to read the document, the [Summary Document](#) and other resources can be found on the [Diocesan website](#). This is an opportunity for you to have a say in how our Christ the King Parish can move forward and flourish. Any questions or clarifications prior to the meeting can be directed to Deacon John Collins or Parish Chair Sarah Cook. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this round table meeting so that our community has ownership over any decisions that may be made.

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 Wednesday, February 17th. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is information 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 or download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

WANTED! SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

The parish is currently seeking volunteers who are available for about 1-2 hours each week to become SREs at North Rocks Public School Tuesday mornings & Carlingford West Public School Wednesday afternoons . If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the parish office on 9871 8710 or at northrocks@parracatholic.org

MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL LOCAL CONFERENCE

The St Vincent de Paul conference wish to thank all members of our parish community for their continued generous support during our Christmas fundraising appeals. We are privileged to be able to support and provide for the needs of the poor and needy in the local areas we serve. Donations from the CTK school community, the Christmas giving tree, OLMC and the Lions Club along with your financial support was overwhelming. We were able to provide generous Christmas hampers and toys to many families who would have otherwise gone without. We are so fortunate have the support of such a generous and caring community. Once again thank you.



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.

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS: 10 FEBRUARY 2024

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 2024 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 2024 to mary.gale@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.