



# Sunday, 31st March, 2024

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

### 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, Bishop Peter Ingham, Raphael Satyo, George Vumbaca, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Bev Johnson; Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Anthony Sullivan, Edna Esmero, Margaret Merritt, Marija Barclay, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Heaton, Ken Sunderland, Pat McAppion, Helene Graham, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Sue Ferguson. Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito, Michael Gordon.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patricia Betros.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Vaz, Kazimiera Adamski.

## EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,  
Holy Week elicits from us a variety of emotions. Joy at being able to celebrate the Easter liturgies. From the exuberance of Palm Sunday and the joy of the institution of the Eucharist on Thursday to the sorrow of Good Friday and Our Lord's Passion and Death. Now we rejoice in the presence of our Risen Saviour who overcomes death and gives us all the hope of everlasting life. The Easter season is a time of new beginnings. With this newness comes the responsibility to renew our commitment to the Risen Christ. The Lord declares "Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 1:3). We must witness to Christ by our faith, by our actions.

May we place our hope again in the risen Christ this Easter and recognise him where he may be found. May we particularly recognise him in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of his story regularly in the Eucharist, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. May we never proclaim an empty optimism that turns away from the suffering of others. Instead, we pray that our communities will become signs of peace, love and forgiveness, and instruments of God's justice here on earth. May we be one as God is one. May we always be reminded of his great sacrifice for us and seek to serve Him more each day. St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, told his people at Easter time: "If we were silent about the joy that comes from the risen Jesus, the very stones of our cities would cry out. For we are Easter people and 'alleluia' is our song."

A big thank you to all who have helped plan and assisted in any way in the Holy Week liturgies which we have celebrated. Wishing you a Holy and Spirit filled Easter!

*Fr Ian, Deacon John and the parish team.*

## THE EASTER VIGIL MASS THIS YEAR WILL BE AT 6.30PM



## 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: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Next Week's Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)**

	Welcome	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Julie Hook Rosanne Vaughan	Ken Coorey	Anne Gately Sarah Cook	Tiana Fernandes	Margaret Coakley Marea Mooney
<b>Good Friday</b>	Peter Elchaar John Murphy	Keith Henson	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat Liza Jilesh Anne Gately Ken Coorey	Levi Brown	Jecy Vaz Rosemary Wickham

### 30th & 31st March - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 6.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Sue DeCourcy	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Ruth Jilesh	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Danielle Dona	Dominic Choi	Minister needed

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** No Children's Liturgy this Weekend

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

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

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

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola, 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1:** Greta Metz & CTK School Mums

### 6th & 7th April - Second Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Caroline Thuraiatnam	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	James Ryan	Marea Mooney

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, John Lacey, Jim Kinsella

**COUNTER GROUP 2:** Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenahan, John Coakley

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

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

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

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. For those who have taken Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, now is the time to return them. Leave them in the sacristy, put them in the collection bag or drop them into the parish office over the next few weeks. Again, thank you for your support of Project Compassion.



### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)

Children in Year 4 or above who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion). In the parish of Christ the King, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish Masses (Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8am and 10am) on the weekend of 1st / 2nd June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the Sacrament will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (children not required) on **Wednesday, 10th April commencing at 7.30pm** in the Church where the program and enrolment procedure will be explained and any questions answered. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is essential that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

### CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Our school is celebrating 50 years in its current location. Why not organise a table of past and present families and friends. Held at the Epping Club on Saturday 29th June, for \$99 you get a three course meal and a five hour drinks package. Tables are of 10-12 attendees. If you have a table group in mind, you can email it directly to [ewynne@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ewynne@parra.catholic.edu.au). Alternatively, we can place you on a table as the event gets closer. We kindly ask that you secure your seat and make payment for this event as soon as possible. Payment can be made via the Qkr app or through the school office. Please pass this onto any ex Christ the King families you are still in touch with. To attend this event please click [RSVP for Jubilee Dinner](#) or use the QR code.



## EASTER SERVICES

<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross at 10.00am</b>
	<b>Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm</b>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	<b>Vigil Mass at 6.30pm</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Masses at 8.00am and 10.00am</b>

### BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent's Easter Message can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ghTzBEYqQA>.

### EASTER RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation on Saturday, 30th March will be at 9.30 till 10.30am and in the afternoon from 3.00 till 4.00pm.

### GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Spread the word! The Good Neighbour Group has started up again. The next session is Friday, 5th April in the parish hall at 10.00am. Good company, tai chi, bingo and lunch all for \$5. Hope to see you there.

### SUNDAY SESSION APRIL 14, 7.00 TO 8.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

#### The Resurrection of the Son of God

Our evening together will investigate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from a variety of perspectives. Issues addressed will include an overview of Paul's understanding of the resurrection, an exploration of the four different accounts as presented in the gospels, and the meaning and significance of the Resurrection for us today, in our life situation.

The evening is to be presented by Deacon John Collins. All are welcome.

Gold Coin Donation to cover the cost of coffee and biscuits.

Any question contact Deacon John on [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org)

**THANK YOU** to Tony Chacty, Robert Haddad and Daniel Hanna who set up scaffolding on Tuesday afternoon and changed the globes in the large spherical lights on the ceiling.

## PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: 29 MARCH

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. Make your donation this Good Friday via the collection bags.

## GIVE TO JRS FOODBANK

Right now, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia is supporting close to 200 families a week, and the demand for help keeps growing. The families they 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. To help keep everyone fed, we are asking parishioners to donate one item a week:

\*Basmati rice; \*Dishwashing detergent; \*Cooking or olive oil; \*Laundry detergent; \*Dried red lentils; \*Long life milk.

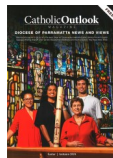
## FaithLIFE THEOLOGY COURSE



Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16, 23 & 30 April. Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## EASTER - AUTUMN 2024 CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW!

The Easter - Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practice silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, a handy Holy Week Mass Times guide, and more. Pick up your free copy today.



## 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.