



Sunday, 24th March, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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
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: Sr Catherine Maddock, Bishop Peter Ingham, Raphael Satyo, George Umbaca, 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:

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2024

The Sacrament of First Eucharist (Yr 4 and above) on 1/2 June.
The Sacrament of Confirmation (Yr 5 and above) on 18 September.
The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Yr 3 and above) on 10 & 11 December.



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: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

23rd & 24th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Keith Henson	Liza Jilesh Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Miriam Chacty	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP: Palms

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson, 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Ellen Vaughan, Steve Frare

	Welcome	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Holy Thursday	Julie Hook Rosanne Vaughan	Ken Coorey	Anne Gately Sarah Cook	Tiana Fernandes	Fadia Sleiman Marea Mooney
Good Friday	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
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Sue DeCourcy	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Ruth Jilesh	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	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

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations

Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes on Thursday evening for the Mass of the Last Supper or at any time thereafter.



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. 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

WEDNESDAY 27th

HOLY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

Chrim Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm (no morning Mass)

Stations of the Cross at 10.00am

Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Masses at 8.00am and 10.00am

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.

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation is available at St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills this Monday, 25th March at 7.30pm.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Spread the word! The Good Neighbour Group has started up again. 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

6 WEEKS OF LENT – GIVE 6 THINGS 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 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:

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

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

3rd Sunday of Lent, 3 March: Dried red lentils;

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

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

Palm Sunday, 24 March: Long life milk.

2024 DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Holy Week Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on the Diocesan website (www.parracatholic.org) and on Catholic Outlook (www.catholicoutlook.org). Let us embrace the hope, love and joy that this season brings.

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, seminarians preparing to 'go out into the deep', a handy Holy Week Mass Times guide, plus so much more. Pick up your free copy today.



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 Holy Week via the envelopes available on the seats.

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.