



Sunday, 14th April, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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: Coral Lacey (wife of John Lacey), Fr Giulio Ghezzi mi, Mervyn Atkins.

ANNIVERSARIES: Olga Gialanze, Allen O'Hara.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.



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.

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 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Next Week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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.

13th & 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 6.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	Liza Jilesh John DeCourcy	Ruth Jilesh	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Minister needed	Dawn Peat Sarah Cook	Tiana Fernandes	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

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

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

20th & 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Georgette Rissmiller	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Caroline Thurairatnam Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Danielle Dona	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

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

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: 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, Ejay Hwang

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Will you support our seminarians to 'go out into the deep' and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Your support is crucial in ensuring they are well-versed in theology and equipped with the skills to handle the challenges faced by the communities. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal next weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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. 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 very generous support of Project Compassion.



FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall which outlined the program for this year for children in Year 4 or above who have made their First Reconciliation. To register your child for the program please go online <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/>. Registration will close on Friday, 19th April. Resource materials can be collected from the parish office (not school office) from Monday 29 April to Friday 3 May from 9am to 3pm. If you are unable to collect the materials during this time, please contact the parish office to arrange another mutually suitable time. A reminder that the children will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three weekend Masses: 4th (5:30pm) /5th May (8am & 10am). It is essential that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for some legitimate reason. The next compulsory meeting of parents and children to begin the first session will take place in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 8 May. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 1st (5:30pm) /2nd June (8am & 10am), fittingly on the feast of Corpus Christi.

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.



FATHER IAN AWAY

Father Ian will be in Melbourne next weekend to celebrate a wedding of a former parishioner. Msgr John Boyle and Father Raymond Ugwu CSSp will be filling in whilst he is away, and we thank them for their assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN COAKLEY

The St Vincent de Paul Society congratulates John Coakley, who this week received a certificate of appreciation and a medal in recognition of his ten years service as an active member of the CTK North Rocks conference. The certificate and medal were presented to John at the Vinnies meeting on Tuesday evening. Any parishioners interested in joining the Society or seeking information about our conference please contact Ron Giacomelli on 0411316363.

SUNDAY SESSION TONIGHT, 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Wednesday, 17 April beginning at 7:15pm in the BURTON CENTRE (old presbytery).

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;

*Cooking or olive oil;

*Long life milk;

*Dishwashing detergent;

*Laundry detergent;

*Dried red lentils.

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.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Good Neighbourhood Group will be taking a short break over the school holidays. The next gathering will be on 3rd May. All are welcome!

EASTER - AUTUMN 2024 CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW!

The next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, and more. Pick up your free copy today.



SYNOD 2023 UPDATE: DECREE ISSUED AND DEVELOPMENT OF DIOCESAN PLAN BEGINS

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod.

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: 0000479

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.