



# Sunday, 26th May, 2024

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### 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:**

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

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

**THE SICK:** Sr Catherine Maddock, Raphael Satyo, George Vumbaca, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Bev Johnson; Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Anthony Sullivan, Edna Esmero, 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:** Tessie Bonney (mother of Mark Bonney), Lily Hocking.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Andrzej Przeklasa.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God.

The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him.

From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!

#### Laudato Si': SEEDS OF HOPE

Are you ready to sow "Seeds of Hope"? This commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. Find useful resources at [linktr.ee/met.pje](http://linktr.ee/met.pje).



Planned giving envelopes for the next financial year are available for collection from the Church foyer.

#### 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 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Next Week's Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26

**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 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.*

### 25th & 26th May - The Most Holy Trinity

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Christine Kinsella	Lorraine Murphy	Caroline Thurairatnam Julie Elliott	Volunteer needed	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Volunteer needed	Marea Mooney

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Lorraine Murphy, Jim Kinsella, John Lacey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola, 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

### 1st & 2nd June - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Keith Henson Lance Parker	Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	Volunteer needed	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast Jim Kinsella	Dawn Peat Sarah Cook	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** First Holy Communion

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 1:** Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Roger Brewer

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

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

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

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST



Next weekend, the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ, 29 young members of our parish community will be initiated into the ongoing life of the Church by receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This will occur at 2 parish Masses - Saturday 5:30pm (9), and Sunday 10:00am (20). Two weekends later (due to the public holiday next weekend), 15/16 June, they will receive certificates acknowledging this event at all three weekend Masses.

It is essential that these children (with a parent/guardian) attend the practise evening this Wednesday 29 May at 7:30pm in the Church. If this cannot occur for a legitimate reason, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 before the practise date.

Whilst there may be some inconvenience to the regular worshipping community (e.g. parking & seating positions) the joy of welcoming them will hopefully outweigh this. The children will sit in the centre 2 blocks of the Church. The pews reserved will have the children's names on them. Communion will be distributed to the first Communicants and families down the centre aisle. Special Ministers of Holy Communion will distribute Communion to other family members and parishioners at the side aisles of the Church. Your cooperation is appreciated on this weekend. The school gates will be opened to allow access to the Church from parking in Burradoo Close and Bowral Street.

## THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

The Passionist Family Group Movement began in Australia over 50 years ago to meet a very evident need for parishioners to meet and socialise as a family with other families. The principal aim is to help parishioners to get to know one another and so build a strong commitment to the Parish and each other. The idea is that you meet with other parishioners occasionally for low or no cost outings. These gatherings, in turn, enrich your experience of the Parish formal celebrations and services. Your kids enjoy it, and you are able to share life's adventures and trials with the support of a caring community.

The motto of the Family Group Movement is "a family for all". You don't have to be a Catholic, a parent, old or young, married, or single - you just have to be yourself!

The Parish Council has decided to re-start this initiative (it was part of the parish in earlier days) as an important strategy in connecting parishioners and their families with the broader parish family. Pentecost is an opportune time to remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit empowers us to move outside of ourselves and to connect with one another, no matter what our ethnic or diverse cultural backgrounds are, and to become an inclusive and welcoming community.

Dennis Farrer, a promoter of the Passionist Family Group Movement, will be speaking to us at all Masses on the weekend of the 15/16 June and extending an invitation to join a group. If you're interested in joining a Family Group or want to know more, simply contact the parish office [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org).



## INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS FOR THINK TANK SESSION

Enclosed with this bulletin is a personal invitation to attend the Synodal Parish Think Tank session this Tuesday, 28th May in either the Parish Hall or the library, depending of number attending.

## SYNOD PARISH THINK TANK

**Tuesday 28th May, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, Mary MacKillop Hall.**

One of the fruits of the Diocesan Synod that took place in October last year is a Draft Diocesan Plan. To assist in the development of the final Plan a number of "Think Tanks" are occurring across the Diocese. Christ the King was well represented at the Synod. The parishioners who were at the Synod are conducting a parish-based *Think Tank* to reflect on the Draft Plan. All are invited to participate in this event.

All parishioners are invited to influence the priorities and direction of your Diocese. To view the draft Plan visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod/>. For more information contact Deacon John at [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## 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.



## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Baker family, Adam & Dhini and their children Lucia and Louie. May Lucia and Louie's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

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

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next marriage enrichment weekend for the Sydney area is on 28-30 June at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Contact: [www.wwwme.org.au](http://www.wwwme.org.au)

## CHILD SAFETY

As you'd be aware, the Diocese is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment. The Diocesan Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe (<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>).

Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and who to talk to when they don't feel safe.

It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation!

Age Specific Information - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>, Online Safety - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>,

Personal Safety - <https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-personal-safety/>.

## 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.