



**Sunday, 16th June, 2024**  
**ELEVENTH 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](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, Lillian 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:** All the faithful departed.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Barrie Lum, Afifi Elchaar.

**REFLECTION**

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches.

The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

**WELCOME**

We welcome the children who have recently received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, and their families, and have joined us today to receive their certificates in recognition of this important event in their lives.



**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK**

The FREE Winter 2024 edition of Catholic Outlook is now available from the stand in 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: Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Next Week's Readings: Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

**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.*

### 15th & 16th June - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Jim Kinsella	Caroline Thurairatnam Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Volunteer needed	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook, Mary Cook, Rachel Parnaby

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi, Barbara Craft

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8:** Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

**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

### 22nd & 23rd June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	Liza Jilesh Kerry Saad	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Ken Coorey	Dawn Peat Rob Haddad	Volunteer needed	Margaret Coakley

**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 9:** Barbara Haddad

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

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

## Laudato Si - Earthcare News

The UNHCR champions the rights of people to live in safety. Their World Refugee Day falls on 20th June. News bulletins show us the dreadful conditions in which some refugees live. And you will be aware that many Australians daily seek refuge from disastrous relationships. Show your care by praying for them and perhaps donating to Vinnies, or buying some dried red lentils or basmati rice for the JRS food bank. It would cost just a few dollars.

## BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S PROJECT ELIZABETH

This weekend our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal. Your generosity will enable Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable women facing significant challenges in motherhood. With the rising cost of living and increased economic hardship, many mothers in our community struggle to provide for their families. Your gift helps Catholic Care to give mothers a hand up with practical support, counselling and connections to health and community services. Please give generously. Envelopes are on the seats today.

### BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Robinson family, Thomas and Emily and their children, Grace and Alec. May Grace and Alec'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.



### 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 as an important strategy in connecting parishioners and their families with the broader parish family. Dennis Farrer, a promoter of the Passionist Family Group Movement, will be speaking to us at all Masses this weekend, and extending an invitation to join a group. If you're interested in joining or want to know more, simply contact the parish office [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org).

### CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL JUBILEE DINNER SONG LIST AND TRIVIA

Are you coming to the Jubilee Dinner? The excitement is building! We would like to create a song playlist that reflects our community and the last 50 years of Christ the King. [Click on this link](#) or use the QR Code to add the song you would like to listen to. There is also an option to add a trivia question. Maybe there is something that you know about the school that we all should, and then could know. Add it to the form. Remember, there are still some seats available if you find yourself free on Saturday 29th June. Just contact the school office on 8846 2700. We are all looking forward to a fabulous and fun evening.



### SUNDAY SESSION TONIGHT

Due to the King's Birthday long weekend the Sunday Session in June will be on tonight, Sunday 16th June, 7.00 to 8.30pm in the Burton Centre. (Note the new venue). The topic is *The Power of Our Story* presented by Deacon John Collins

In this Sunday Session we will examine how our personal story is linked to the story of others, to our family, our community, our nation, and the currents within the global community, and ultimately to the story of God for the universe. We will speak about stories through three types: escape stories, quest stories and love stories. We will also examine how our story follows a threefold trajectory: memory, revelation and responsibility and how our story gives substance to the fact that each of us is living a drama and that the stakes are personal and communal authenticity. The July 14th Sunday Session will be an opportunity to write and share our own story - but only to the degree that we are comfortable.

August 11th - Parishioner, Professor Philip Newall is to present on his voluntary work in Samoa working with people suffering from hearing loss.

### SUPPORT SERVICES - DO YOU NEED HELP?

At the heart of the Catholic Church's work is a deep commitment to supporting the spiritual, physical and relational needs of the marginalised, the poor, and the vulnerable. You have access to our network of agencies, charities and organisations who work to ensure every person in our diverse and multicultural community is cared for and empowered. [This first page on the Diocesan website](#) provides many links to support services that are available to you. The first link is [Support for Families](#). [Catholic Care](#) offers guidance and advice to support individuals and families, including counselling and therapy, parenting programs, family support services, and referrals to services that can assist with crisis relief, NDIS support, housing and financial assistance and more.

Please reach out to someone you trust if you need support. Let us help you!

## GIVE TO JRS FOODBANK

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. These goods will be taken down to the JRS Centre each week for distribution to the needy.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024 FORMATION DAY: 24 AUGUST

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## CARDINAL MARENGO MEET AND GREET: 22 JUNE

As part of his Australian visit through Catholic Mission, the Diocese of Parramatta is hosting Cardinal Giorgio Marengo IMC, Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on Saturday 22 June. Cardinal Marengo will celebrate the Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta followed by a conversation about his mission and service. The event is free, but registration is essential via <https://parracatholic.org/cardinalmarengo>.

## THE SWAG

Copies of the Winter Edition of the Swag are available free of charge from the Church foyer.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation (Yr 5 and above) on 18 September.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Yr 3 and above) on 10 & 11 December.

### 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.

These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.