



Sunday, 9th June, 2024

TENTH 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
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, 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: Christopher Hale (brother of Lesley Bosci).

ANNIVERSARIES: Barrie Lum, Afifi Elchaar.

REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter

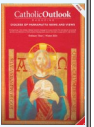
Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'.

In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.

Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

The Winter 2024 edition of Catholic Outlook is now available from the stand in the church foyer. Take a copy home with you today.



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: Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

Next Week's Readings: Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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.

8th & 9th June - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Lance Parker	Kerry Saad	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Caroline Thurairatnam	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Danielle Dona	Volunteer needed	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, Barbara Craft, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook, 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Marc & Carmela Corazza, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Liza Jilesh 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	Jecy Vaz

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

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

This week on the 5th June, the United Nations celebrates World Environment Day. What can you do to help protect the health of the environment? Every action counts. Can you plant a tree or shrub, check your recycling, reduce waste or donate to an environmental organisation of your choice?

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

Next 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 to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal next weekend. Envelopes are on the seats today for you to take home and fill out.

FIRST EUCHARIST CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the 28 young members of our parish community who received their first Holy Communion last weekend. These children are invited to attend the Mass of their choice to receive their certificates next weekend.

VINNIES THANK YOU

The North Rocks St Vincent de Paul conference wish to thank the Christ the King school community, parents, teachers and students for their generous response in providing goods as part of the schools Vinnies Winter Appeal effort. The donations of dinnerware, glasses, cutlery, sheets, towels etc. are being distributed by both the Harris Park Hub and also directly by conference members to the needy and homeless in our district. The recipients are all appreciative and wish to thank all concerned for their thoughts and generosity.

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 on the weekend of the 15/16 June 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.



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 NEXT SUNDAY

Due to the King's Birthday Long weekend the Sunday Session in June will be on 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 Descon 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.

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.

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

MT SCHOENSTATT COFFEE, CRAFT AND CONVERSATION: 15 JUNE

Young women (20-40 years) are invited to spend a relaxing afternoon of coffee, craft and spiritual conversations with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary on Saturday 15 June from 2.30pm-5pm at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Cost is \$15 and includes afternoon tea and craft materials. RSVP before Saturday 8th June to Hannah 0433 443 384. A flyer with more details can be found on the website: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>.

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 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>.

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.