



Sunday, 30th June, 2024

THIRTEENTH 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

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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, Leilamani Pereira.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joy Rawson (sister of Gloria Blackwood).

ANNIVERSARY: Rita Bellemore.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP THIS FRIDAY

The next gathering of the Good Neighbourhood Group will be this Friday, 5th July in the Parish Hall at 10.00am.



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: Wis 1:13-15,2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-24,35-43

Next Week's Readings: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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.

29th & 30th June - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Peter Hrust	Liza Jilesh	Tiana Fernandes	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Lorraine Murphy	Tony Hughes Caroline Thurairatnam	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Danielle Dona	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Barbara Craft, Jim Kinsella

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Lou Howitt, Paul Cook, Frances Gallagher

6th & 7th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Jim Kinsella	Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Ken Coorey	Julie Elliott Caroline Thurairatnam	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Levi Brown	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, John Lacey, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

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

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

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION TODAY

A Peter's Pence Leaving Collection for the Holy Father will be taken up after Masses today. With your gift, regardless of its size, you express your love and trust in the Holy Father. This donation helps Pope Francis in his mission, which extends throughout the world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of human development, education, peace and humanitarian interventions in the most diverse situations of need.

THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

Please remember to return your applications to join the Family Group Movement. Drop them into the locked Communications Box in the Church foyer, leave them at the parish office or scan the application and send to northrocks@parracatholic.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024 commencing at 7.30pm. In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy we will conduct a parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for the children to receive this sacrament.

A pre-requisite of children being confirmed is that they have already received First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised in Eastern Rite (Uniate Churches, e.g. Maronite, Melchite, Ukrainian, Chaldean etc.) may have already been confirmed at Baptism and do not need to participate in this programme if this is the case.

Children in grade Five and above are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians on Wednesday, 24th July commencing at 7.30pm in Mary MacKillop Parish Hall, where the program will be explained and any questions answered.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is vital that parents/guardians attend this meeting.



PROFILE OF SEMINARIAN, JEFF HOOD WHO WILL JOIN US MID-JULY

I grew up in Murwillumbah on the North Coast. I have worked for a large part of my life as a Psychologist and Psychotherapist in various settings. I spent a few years working as the State Training Manager for the St Vincent de Paul Society in NSW, was the inaugural Co-ordinator of Bereavement Services at Sacred Heart Hospice in Darlinghurst and taught at the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. For most of my working life, I have taught at various universities and training institutes, teaching trainee psychologists, psychotherapists, and medical students. After graduating in Drama and Theatre Studies from Monash University, I taught there for ten years. I spent four years as a seminarian, mostly at St Francis Xavier Seminary in Adelaide. More recently, I completed formation as a Spiritual Director at the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation in Melbourne. My most recent work was as a spiritual director, as a Pastoral Supervisor for clergy, and as a lecturer and supervisor at Heart of Life and the University of Divinity. As a psychologist and spiritual director, I have witnessed the deep woundedness that many people experience, myself included. Many of us don't believe that we are lovable. We often struggle to believe, in the deepest places of our being, that God loves us – deeply and passionately. About five years ago, I experienced a very difficult time in my life, a time of very deep questioning. Lots of things that I thought were important ceased to be so. The outcome of my period of struggle was a renewed confidence in God's constant loving presence, and a strong desire to commit my life to working to make God's love more known in our struggling world, as a priest. During my time at Christ the King, I hope to meet many of you, to learn from you, and to discover God's love more deeply through your prayers and through our encounters. *Jeff Hood*

SAFEGUARDING KIDS ART COMPETITION

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition.

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Do you know what you can put into your yellow bin?

What you can recycle: paper, cartons and cardboard (flattened), steel, aerosol and aluminium cans, plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars.

What you CAN'T recycle: plastic bags, nappies, gas bottles, foam, medical waste, household rubbish in garbage bags, grass clippings, food scraps, building materials.

Every little step and action will help. Be mindful of the waste you buy and how you dispose of it.

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 day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

SUPPORT SERVICES - DO YOU NEED HELP?

National telephone counselling service - 1800 737 732

Domestic Violence Line (NSW): 180065 64 63

For emergency refuge or housing assistance: 1800 152 152

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS DR MYRIAM WIJLENS: 5 AUGUST

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultant to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' Dr Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on Monday 5 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/drmyriam.

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.

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