



**Sunday, 23rd June, 2024**  
**TWELFTH 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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**Website:** <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

**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:** John O'Shea, Fr James Duggan SSC; Liliana Satyo; Margaret Heaton.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Gai Perosin.

**REFLECTION**

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul insists that the love of Christ completely transforms us, mind and heart. No longer do we judge according to human standards. No longer do we meet injury with assault. No longer do we relegate people to the margins of society, or hoard the goods that others need to survive. Everything is changed in this new worldview. We understand ourselves and our world differently. Most importantly, we perceive God differently.

Job's new insights enlightened his understanding of creation, of the Creator, and of himself, a finite creature. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. They knew that sea quite well. Living close to Jesus, they knew him too. Now they saw him in a different light. In both cases, faith opened their eyes. Like the disciples, we begin to realise that this man who shares in all of our human vulnerability is able to direct the power of the Creator.

We need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it. For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground.

We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with land. – [World Environment Day 2024](#)



**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: Job 38:1,8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41  
Next Week's Readings: Wis 1:13-15,2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-24,35-43

**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.*

### 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, Mario Azzopardi, 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

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	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

## 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 NEXT WEEKEND

A Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be taken up after the Masses next weekend. 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.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CATHOLIC CARE'S PROJECT ELIZABETH

Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you for your generous support of mothers during tough times. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised over \$3350 and ensures Catholic Care can continue to help uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life, so more families facing challenges can flourish and live life to the full. Thank you.

## 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 this Saturday 29th June. Just contact the school office on 8846 2700. We are all looking forward to a fabulous and fun evening.



## KIDS' VOICES ART COMPETITION: MY CHURCH COMMUNITY IS A SAFE PLACE FOR ME

An art competition is being run by the Diocese of Parramatta to encourage children to illustrate what makes them feel safe in the church community. Click on [this art competition](#) for more details.

## 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. Over the years you become "like a family".

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!

Dennis Farrer, promoted the Passionist Family Group Movement last weekend and significant interest was shown. If you haven't already, please return your registration form to the church locked communications box. There are additional registration forms in the foyer of the church for those who decide to register. The form is also attached to the electronic version of this bulletin. In a few weeks' time these groups will be formed and those who have elected to join will receive further information.



## PARISH SEMINARIAN PLACEMENT

In early July, Jeff Hood will be appointed to the parish of North Rocks on a pastoral placement until December. Jeff will assist in various ministerial tasks in the parish and live on site with Fr. Ian. Jeff is an older man with extraordinary gifts, talents and academic qualifications. Next weekend in the bulletin a profile of Jeff will be published which outlines his background and what has drawn him to the Diocesan priesthood in our Diocese of Parramatta.

## DIOCESAN HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE: 21 JUNE

Members of the faithful across the Diocese are invited to participate in the inaugural Diocesan Homeless Memorial Service at St Patrick's Cathedral forecourt, Parramatta, on Friday 21 June at 5.30pm. Please join us for a special prayer service to commemorate the lives of people who have died while experiencing homelessness. All are welcome.

## Laudato Si - Earthcare News

The days are getting colder and it is tempting to ramp up the heating. Why not put on a jumper, turn the air-conditioning down a notch or two and save on electricity. During daylight hours, your windows allow winter sun to heat your home. However, once evening falls, those same windows can also let more than 40% of the warmth escape. So close your curtains as soon as the sun disappears to retain the heat. Use weather strips to block off gaps under external doors and ensure the seals around your windows are sound to stop any draughts. These measures will help your budget and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, helping to save the planet.

## 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](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## 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!

**THE SWAG:** Copies of the Winter Edition of the Swag are available free of charge from the Church foyer.

### 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.