



Sunday, 7th July, 2024

FOURTEENTH 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: Raphael Satyo, George Vumbaca, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Warren Johnson, Bev Johnson; Lilian Davidson, Anthony Sullivan, Edna Esmero, Leilamani Pereira. Marija Barclay, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Heaton, Ken Sunderland, Pat McAppion, Helene Graham, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Michael Gordon, Sue Ferguson. Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Catherine Maddock, former principal of CTK Primary School, has died in Ireland, John Ryan, Trezika & Ivan Tivadar (Vnuk Family), Barbara Heaton (sister of Colin).

ANNIVERSARIES: Dora Giacomelli, Doreen Ulbrick, Fr Noel Molloy.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

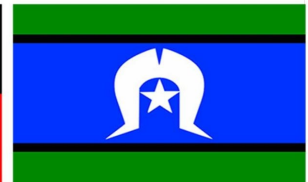
It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God.

The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

On this first weekend in July, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. The 2024 theme is "Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith". A booklet with information and resources is available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2024-atsi-sunday.html>.



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

Next Week's Readings: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

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.

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	Aubon Fernando	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

13th & 14th July - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Danielle Dona Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School Holidays

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

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

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.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend the CTK Vinnies conference will be conducting its Annual Winter Appeal. This appeal, along with the Christmas Appeal, is vital for them to raise sufficient funds to service the needs of the poor and underprivileged people in our community. We understand that there are many demands on your generosity to other worthy charities and ask that you consider a donation to their cause. The cost of living crisis strongly affects us all, particularly those less fortunate people who live day to day with what little funds that are available to them. There will be envelopes provided on the church pews, a credit card facility and a QR code on the appeal poster if you wish to donate. Thank you.

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.

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.

SUNDAY SESSIONS

The topic for the July 14th Sunday Session is *The Power of Our Story 2*. Participants will be invited to write or draw their life story by identifying 8-10 Milestones or Crossroad events in their life thus far. There will be an opportunity for those who wish, to share their story in a small group context. All are welcome! You do not need to have attended the June Sunday session to participate in this session. 7.00pm to 8.30 pm in the Burton Centre. (Note new Venue). For more information contact Deacon John: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To register or find out more contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or phone 0460 037 795.

EMERTON PARISH NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION: 11 JULY

To commemorate NAIDOC Week, which is celebrated from 7-14 July, you are warmly invited to a family-friendly NAIDOC celebration hosted by Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, Catholic Care, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and other partners on Thursday 11 July from 10am to 3pm at the Holy Family site, 252 Luxford Rd, Emerton. All are welcome to attend.

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Today begins NAIDOC Week. This year's theme is 'Keep the Fire Burning: Blak, Loud and Proud' which encapsulates the celebration of indigenous identity and the need for them to stand tall in their heritage and assert their place in the modern world. Hearing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander truth will go a long way towards reconciliation. This need is also true for many other ethnic groups around the world. Try to love as Christ did and accept all races without prejudice.

GIVE TO JRS FOODBANK

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia is supporting close to 200 families a week, and the demand for help keeps growing. 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; Deodorant; Men's shavers; Dried red lentils; Laundry detergent. These goods will be taken down to the JRS Centre each week for distribution to the needy.

THE FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

In 2008 my family and I joined a CTK Family Group. We gathered together each month very consistently until the COVID lockdowns. Each year a family volunteered to be group leader and it was their role to keep the group on track for the year. Each family was then allocated a month of the year to organise an event. We went on picnics, bushwalks, luncheons, and high teas. Sometimes it was the whole family involved but occasionally it was adults only or ladies only. Sometimes all families were able to make the event, and sometimes only a few families attended. Often the events were hosted in our homes, or else we went to public places and occasionally local clubs or restaurants. All events were low cost. Over time new families joined the group and sometimes families left the group. There was always a communal and collaborative spirit where families shared food and contributed to the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to make connections, form relationships and support one another. I continue to see families from my Family Group at church, at school and in the local area. Some lasting friendships have been born from our Family Group and my family is very lucky to have been a part of such a lovely group of people. *Erica Rheinberger*

SHARING OUR STORY

Sharing Our Story is a small group program offered at Christ the King. It provides a safe and welcoming context for people to reflect on their life and faith in the light of the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday. Sharing Our Story is open to everyone. The only requirement is a desire to reflect on your life of faith and a willingness to ask questions. We meet in the in Burton Centre on the third Wednesday of each Month from February to November from 5.30 to 7.00pm. Next meeting is 17 July. For more information contact Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

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.