



Sunday, 25th August, 2024

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Seminarian: Jeff Hood
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, Lilian Davidson, Anthony Sullivan, Edna Esmero, Leilamani Pereira, Marija Barclay, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Heaton, Ken Sunderland, Pat McAppion, Helene Graham, Ace Sotisas, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Michael Gordon, Sue Ferguson, Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth O'Hara.

ANNIVERSARY: Emilia Pignatelli.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - 1 SEPTEMBER

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to this appeal on August 31 and September 1.



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: Josh 24:1-2,15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Next Week's Readings: Deut 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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.

24th & 25th August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Ron Ruskin	Georgette Rissmiller Liza Jilesh	Tiana Fernandes	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Mark Bonney Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Sarah Cook Dawn Peat	Levi Brown	Marea Mooney

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 9: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

31st August & 1st September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Sue DeCourcy	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Tiana Fernandes	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Caroline Thurairatnam	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Erin Wynne

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Ken Coorey, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 1: Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Roger Brewer

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

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

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

NEW EFTPOS MACHINES INSTALLED

New EFTPOS machines have been installed in the foyer of the church. The reason for this is that the old systems operated on a 3G network Sim card which is to be shut down in October. The new systems operate on a 4G/5G network hopefully improving performance. The new system operated by CBA offers more choice in the amount that can be contributed as well as the alternative of inserting the card in the machine or tapping the top of the device. On the new machines you must nominate (push) either \$5, \$10 or \$100 or other (when you push the latter option you then enter the precise amount you wish to donate) and then either tap or insert your card. Currently we can still use the old and new systems until the 3G network is shut down. If you need assistance to operate this new machine, ask one of our newcomers at Mass.



MET FAITHLIFE SPIRITUALITY SHORT COURSE: STARTING 17 SEPTEMBER

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality? Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith? Wanting to further discern God's call in your life? Sign up now for the free 3-session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course with spiritual director Jeff Hood on Tuesdays 17 & 24 September and 1 October. Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.

DEACON JOHN COLLINS

In unexpected news, Deacon John, after visiting a cardiologist, has been informed that he needs to undertake urgent open-heart surgery to replace a valve in the aorta as well as other procedures. This will take place this Thursday. Please keep John and his wife Sandy and their family in our prayers during this difficult time. Post surgery, John is advised that he will need to undertake a minimum of 6 to 8 weeks recovery time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Prior to Covid the parish used to celebrate every three months a Mass which incorporated the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick for the elderly and infirmed in our community. Ironically, we had to cancel this during Covid 19 because of the fear of infection from one person to another. The Parish Council has decided to reintroduce this mass which will begin on Friday, 15 November at 9:15 AM Mass. This will give the opportunity for members of the Good Neighbour seniors group to join us for Mass and be anointed if they so wish and after mass share some refreshments in the hall. Next year we will schedule 4 such celebrations throughout 2025. Some parishioners have offered to bring by their vehicles the sick or elderly to the church for this occasion if transport is a problem. Please let the parish office know if transport is required. Parishioners are also reminded that if a family member is seriously ill don't hesitate to call the parish office and arrange for Father Ian to personally anoint that person.

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.

THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

The Passionist Family Group is having its first meeting this Saturday 24th August at 3.00pm at Lake Parramatta. This initial meeting is to meet and greet and work out some strategies around how the group will work. If you are interested in knowing more, drop in for a chat.

ST PAUL'S CASTLE HILL FAIR TRADE MARKET

St Paul's Church at 421 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill will be holding a Fair Trade Market on Saturday, 7th September from 10am to 2pm. Including goods from over 20 nations, hot food, coffee and plenty of parking.

PARISH SECRETARY HOLIDAYS

Frances Gallagher, our parish secretary will be taking a well-deserved holiday overseas from 8 September to 3 October. Whilst she is away, our seminarian Jeff Hood, will help to fill the breach with the assistance of Fr Ian.

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Are you thinking about Spring? It feels like it is just around the corner. So, how about planning to grow some vegetables? Plan now, dig over garden beds. Why not get ready for tomato or lettuce plants? They can grow in pots or in the ground once the threat of frost has gone. Save the environment and save money. [Benedict Cumberbach reads a letter about climate change](#), it's startling. Take a listen!

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.

GLENMORE PARK ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for the parochial feast of St Padre Pio. The parish will be celebrating a three day Triduum:

Thursday 19 September – 7.00pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass

Friday 20 September – 7.00pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass

Saturday 21 September – 5.30pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Vigil Mass

With the feast day celebrations on Sunday 22 September from 10am with a solemn procession with the relic, Mass, veneration and blessing of the relic. For enquiries, contact the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org.

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.

MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE: 15 SEPTEMBER

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on Sunday 15 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10am to 3pm. Activities include a While Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, contact South Mt Druitt parish office on 9832 3896.

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.