



Sunday, 1st September, 2024

TWENTY-SECOND 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](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:

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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 Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Michael Gordon, Sue Ferguson. Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Roslyn Clinton (sister of Mike Yates).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sam Bietola, Emilia Pignatelli

## FATHER'S DAY

A Blessing Prayer for all the significant men  
in our lives

God of Kindness and Compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example: those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities. We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

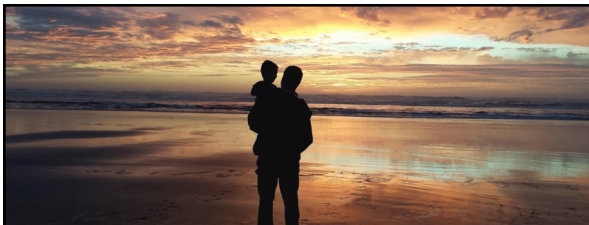
Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers. *Greg Sunter*



#### 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: Deut 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

**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.*

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

|                        | Welcomer      | Acolyte      | Reader                                 | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Saturday 5.30pm</b> | Darren Mobbs  | Sue DeCourcy | Kerry Saad<br>John DeCourcy            | Tiana Fernandes   | Maria Bietola        |
| <b>Sunday 8am</b>      | John Murphy   | Peter Bosci  | Danielle Dona<br>Caroline Thurairatnam | Jo-Anne Castaneda | John Lacey           |
| <b>Sunday 10am</b>     | Peter Elchaar | Jim Kinsella | Rob Haddad<br>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

### 7th & 8th September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                        | Welcomer        | Acolyte          | Reader                       | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Saturday 5.30pm</b> | Darren Mobbs    | Lance Parker     | John DeCourcy<br>Liza Jilesh | Veronica Chacty   | Gillian Mobbs        |
| <b>Sunday 8am</b>      | John Murphy     | Rosemary Wickham | Tony Hughes<br>Mark Bonney   | Trish Yates       | Lorraine Murphy      |
| <b>Sunday 10am</b>     | Rosanne Vaughan | Aubon Fernando   | Anne Gately                  | Levi Brown        | Jecy Vaz             |

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, Barbara Craft, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP:** 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

**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

## **BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL TODAY**

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. Donation envelopes can be found on the seats.

### **UPDATE ON FATHER IAN**

Father Ian had some chest pain on Saturday evening and was admitted to Norwest Hospital. After blood tests and scans it is suspected that he has pericarditis or another inflammation issue around the chest and back. Fortunately, he has not had a heart attack but will be on anti-inflammation medication for some time and be monitored by a cardiologist. He came out of hospital on Wednesday and has been told to take a rest until early next week. Thanks for all your prayers. This weekend Father John Goulding and Father Chris Dixon will celebrate the weekend Masses, and we thank them for making themselves available with Father Boyle last weekend, at short notice. Please also keep Deacon John Collins in your prayers as he undergoes open-heart surgery next week.

### **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 \$20 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 welcomers at Mass.

### **DEACON JOHN COLLINS**

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 on Tuesday. 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 9:15am 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.

### **CARE GROUP 'THINK TANK' SESSIONS**

Dear Friends of the CTK Parish community.

After nearly 30 years of responding to the pastoral needs of the community via the Parish Care Group we are now in a position to evaluate and refocus our direction. We would love you to join us at a 'think tank' session at the Burton Centre either on Wednesday September 11 at 7pm or on Friday September 13 at 10am. We look forward to seeing you and anyone else you think might want to come along. We do good coffee!

### **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 next Saturday, 7th September from 10am to 2pm. Including goods from over 20 nations, hot food, coffee and plenty of parking.

### **Laudato Si - Earthcare News**

To hope and act with Creation: Your action is the firstfruits of hope, a sign of the Spirit working among us. Celebrate in the garden. Bring the family together and enjoy the open air and the renewal that spring brings. There may be baby birds or young lizards around the area. Keep cats and dogs inside and give fledglings a chance to survive. Plant a seed, grow a tree, say no to plastic.

## 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 & Friday 19 & 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 Glenmore Park parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org).



## 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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

## SOUTH MT DRUITT 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](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.