



Sunday, 22nd September, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

Anointing of the Sick Mass: 15th November at 9.15am

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: Yvonne Gangemi

ANNIVERSARY:

Danny Hill, Joan Lum

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.



FATHER IAN ON HOLIDAYS

Father Ian will be away on scheduled holidays from 22 September -11 October. In his absence Monsignor John Boyle will be celebrating Sunday masses. Seminarian Jeff Hood will be conducting Communion services on weekdays whilst Father Ian is away. Please contact neighbouring parishes if you need a priest urgently during this period. Please note that the parish office will be closed on Mondays during this interim period whilst Father Ian is away.

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 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37
 Next Week's Readings: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

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.

21st & 22nd September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	Jeff Hood Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Caroline Thurairatnam	Volunteer Needed	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt & Barbara Haddad

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

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

28th & 29th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Ron Ruskin	John DeCourcy Liza Jilesh	Tiana Fernandes	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, John Lacey, Barbara Craft

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac & Barbara Haddad

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

A meeting will take place on Wednesday, 23rd October beginning at 7:30pm in the church for parents/guardians (not children) wishing to enroll their children in the First Reconciliation Program. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above. First Reconciliation is a prerequisite for children to undertake the other two sacraments of initiation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Information regarding the sacramental program and enrolment will be explained on that evening. It is essential that parents attend this meeting.

CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION



Congratulations to the 21 children who were confirmed last Wednesday evening and to all involved in their preparation. This weekend they will receive certificates acknowledging this event at all Masses.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS GROUP: Message from Mike Yates

Following on from the brief talk at each Mass last weekend (24th Sunday) I have decided to call the small Domestic Abuse Support group the **Respectful Relationships Group**. I have already heard from one woman who wants to offer her care and expertise. Look forward to one or two others from our younger members! As well as a teenager. For anyone wanting to speak to a caring, experienced Pastoral counsellor in our parish two women have offered to help. Contact me (details below) and I will provide you with one of mobile numbers.

A reminder: the two free Apps from the App Store are called The **Iris Women's Journaling App** (set up by Parramatta Diocese) and the **Arc App**. The Arc App has encrypted text which is sent to the Cloud. The *Iris* App keeps your journaling on your phone (therefore possibly accessible to an abusive partner despite being password protected). But *Iris* has Scripture texts to provide comfort and Services for you to access across the community. It can also be very useful in healthy relationships when someone would like to record events and feelings and then look back to see patterns and discuss those with a partner.

Mike Yates mike.y@iinet.net.au 0423 475 449

Catholic Care, Parramatta 8843 2500 Address 10 Victoria Ave, Parramatta.

Note: If someone is worried a partner will see evidence of a payment for counselling you undertook privately be assured by the Manager of Catholic Care no evidence will be visible because there will be no fee to pay for counselling in those circumstances.

MET WORSHIP MINISTRY TO THE SICK & DYING FORMATION: 19 October

Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 19 October from 9.30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact Hannah on hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Many thanks to all parishioners who very generously donated money which has covered the cost of two automated defibrillators in the Church and hall. Thanks also to Tony Chacty for installing them on the walls.

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

[The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development](#) has developed a booklet titled 'Our Common Home'. This illustrated booklet connects climate change, biodiversity and sustainable resource use with the messages of Pope Francis's 2015 Encyclical on the care for our Common Home, *Laudato si'*. The booklet distils the science on urgent environmental issues and explains how individuals and communities can take action to build a more sustainable and socially just future. Take a look! Today's mantra: "...appreciate the immense dignity of the poor..."

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.

SEPTEMBER 21: DAY OF ACTION TO ENDORSE THE FOSSIL FUEL NON PROLIFERATION TREATY

We have been granted a gift, an earth created in all its diversity, vitality, and abundance, for which we are called upon to be stewards. But this role of stewardship has been overshadowed by neglect, exploitation, and unsustainable consumption that threaten the natural balance, social harmony, and existence of life on earth. A Fossil Fuels Non-Proliferation Treaty will catalyze the phase-out of fossil fuels while ensuring a just global transition for workers, communities, and countries. We are calling for all people to sign the Faith Letter for a Fossil Fuel Treaty. Science has spoken clearly: the signs of human-induced climate change are increasingly evident. Burning fossil fuels is the leading cause. All nations have recognized "that combustible fuels still provide 80% of the world's energy and that their use continues to increase." (Laudate Deum, 50). Visit the [website](#) to learn more about what you can do to help save our planet.



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.

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.