

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 the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or 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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This weekend at all masses Mike Yates, on behalf of the Parish Council, will be raising awareness of the scourge of domestic violence present in our community and how we can respond to it.

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.

CHRIST THE KING
NORTH ROCKS



Sunday, 15th September, 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?



FATHER IAN ON HOLIDAYS

Father Ian will be taking 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.

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.

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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Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

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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: Brian McGrath, Fr Don Willoughby, Ben and Russell Smith.

ANNIVERSARY: Sam Bietola.

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
 Next Week's Readings: Wis 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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.

14th & 15th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Trish Yates	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Ken Coorey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Mary Cook, Rachel Parnaby

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi, Ken Coorey

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums and Greta Metz

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	Kerry Saad Liza Jilesh	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Caroline Thurairatnam	Trish Yates	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

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.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

We pray for the children who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation, conferred by Bishop Vincent, this Wednesday evening beginning at 7.30pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. Next weekend at all Masses the newly confirmed will receive certificates of recognition. Please notify the Office at which Mass your child will be attending.

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.

DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The parish has purchased 2 automated external defibrillators (AED) for the parish church and parish hall that can be used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working. A video will be shown to assist people to know how and when to utilise these machines. These devices with cabinets cost in total \$3,150. Thanks to the 2 families who have already donated \$1500. If anybody else would like to offset the cost of these machines, please contact the parish office or place your donation in an envelope marked AED.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

The next gathering of the Good Neighbourhood Group will be this Friday, 20th September in the Parish Hall at 10.00am. Good company, Tai chi, bingo and lunch, all for \$7.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT

A series of presentations, seminars, workshops, discussions and stories designed to invite adults (young and old) to grow and develop in their faith. Each session begins at 7:00pm and finishes at 8:30pm and is held in the Burton Centre from February to November.

The next session is TONIGHT, Sunday, 15th September. The topic is "Spiritual Journey: Bringing the reign of God through personal vocation and mission". This discussion will be led by our seminarian Jeff Hood.

Everyone 16 and over is welcome to participate. A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome. For more information, or if you would like to assist with organising these sessions, contact the parish office via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org.

UPDATE ON DEACON JOHN COLLINS

Deacon John after his open-heart surgery had a procedure on Tuesday to put his heart back into rhythm. He is slowly recovering and has moved from hospital to Royal Rehab at Petersham for rehabilitation.

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Friday, 20 September is World Clean Up Day. Can you take some time to help clean up your neighbourhood? Perhaps you might take a walk in Hunts Creek and remove any rubbish along the track; or you could check around playgrounds or sports areas for abandoned lunch wraps. Teach your family what items go in which bins. Every little action helps. Today's mantra: "...pause and recover depth in life..."