



Sunday, 8th September, 2024

TWENTY-THIRD 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: Brian McGrath (funeral this Thursday at 10.30am)

ANNIVERSARY: Fr Eric Burton, Betty Campbell, Sam Bietola.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Thank you to all who gave to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal last weekend. Just over \$3000 was raised in this appeal. For those who haven't had a chance to support our retired clergy, envelopes can be found on the table in the foyer and can be left in the Communications Box in the church foyer. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and will be received. Thank you.



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: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
 Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Veronica Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Mark Bonney	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Danielle Dona Rob Haddad	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

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	Tiana Fernandes	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

CONFIRMATION 2024



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 21 of our parish children in a Mass officiated by Bishop Vincent Long on Wednesday, 18th September at 7.30pm. The Mini-Retreat and practice will take place this Friday, 13th September from 5.30 to 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and Church for the children only. Dinner will be provided. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards this important event in their spiritual life.

DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) PURCHASE

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. This condition is called sudden cardiac arrest. Once these devices have been delivered, they will be installed in a suitable place in both buildings. 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. If anybody would like to offset the cost of these machines, please contact the parish office or place your donation in an envelope marked AED. Whilst we hope we don't have to use these machines it is possible one day that they may save a life!

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.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Rosanne (welcomer, at the 10am Mass) and Les Vaughan who celebrated 50 years of marriage on 6 September.



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 Neighbourhood 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

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 7.00pm or on Friday September 13 at 10.00am. We look forward to seeing you and anyone else you think might want to come along. We do good coffee! Contact Vivien Brewer on 0413 027 507 or Marianne Dwyer on 0418 641 412.

POSITIONS VACANT

- * Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
 - * Parish Secretary – Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere.
 - * Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 25 September.
- More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/.

THE SWAG

The free edition of The Swag magazine is now available from the church foyer.

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 & 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.

MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held next 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.