



Sunday, 27th October, 2024

THIRTIETH 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 Neighbour 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, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Warren Johnson, Lillian Davidson, Anthony Sullivan, Edna Esmero, Marija Barclay, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Heaton, Ken Sunderland, Pat McAppion, Helene Graham, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Sue Ferguson, Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Martha Hanna (Fr Paul Hanna's sister), Br Peter Hancock cfc, Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez, O.P.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rebecca Cook, Peter Giacomelli.

DECEASED: Narciso, Conchita & Alma Pelayo.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

EFTPOS MACHINES

The older eftpos machines, in the foyer of the church, will cease to function with the demise of the 3G network on 28 October. They will be removed after the weekend of the 26 and 27 October. Please utilise the new machines from that time onwards. Remember that on these machines you have to nominate the amount you wish to donate on the screen prior to tapping your card. Many thanks for your cooperation and generous giving through this service.



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: Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

Next Week's Readings: Jer 31:7-9, Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

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.

26th & 27th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller John DeCourcy	Tiana Fernandes	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

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: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Greta Metz

2nd & 3rd November - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Liza Jilesh Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Trish yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Thomas Sissons	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, John Lacey, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 3: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Laudato Si: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - Have you ever held a rock and wondered how it came to be? Rocks have been called 'pages from God's old diaries'. They were laid down aeons ago. It's our duty to use them wisely (especially fossil fuels) and to love and care for the earth.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy. Just over \$3000 was raised last weekend in the special appeal.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, envelopes are still available from the table in the church foyer or go online at catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia.



ALL SOULS : 2 NOVEMBER

Next Saturday morning, **2 November, the 9am Mass** will be celebrated for all our loved ones who have died, particularly those who have died in the past 12 months, and to pray for those experiencing loss and bereavement.

St Ambrose (d. 397) preached, **“We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.”** For this reason, parishioners are invited to put the names of your deceased loved ones on the card provided on the table at the right side of the sanctuary and place their memorial card on the board set aside as a memorial wall during November. The daily Mass will be held for their intentions. Envelopes are available to commemorate the memory of your loved one at Mass, and their name will be placed in the Memorial book during November.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Mass will be celebrated on the feast of all Saints, this Friday 1 November at 9:15am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

The initial meeting for parents was held last Wednesday where information about the program was explained and the “dates to remember” sheet distributed. Parents can enroll their children for the program online on the parish website until Friday 1 November. The resource material can be collected from the parish office (9am to 3pm) from Monday 4 November. On the weekend of the 9/10 November those children who have been registered will be enrolled in a liturgical ceremony at all Masses: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am. Parents are reminded to bring the enrolment card, filled in, with them to be presented during Mass. If parents were not at the Wednesday evening meeting, they need to collect the “dates to remember” sheet from the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

The Parish Council has decided to reintroduce the Anointing of the Sick 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.

HOPE REIGNS - AN INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

There is a limited supply of the booklet, *Hope Reigns*, from the Archdiocese of Brisbane, which features reflections by Br Damien Price and is available from the church foyer. We ask that you give a contribution towards the purchase of these books (\$5 recommended).



MET WORSHIP SERVING AT THE ALTAR WORKSHOP: 2 NOVEMBER

Back by popular demand! It has been decided to repeat the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last session and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on Saturday 2 November from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 26 October to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST: 13 NOVEMBER

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast.

NEW MEMBERS FOR INTERFAITH COMMISSION

The Diocesan Interfaith Commission has enriched the life and mission of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains since its establishment in 2021. Bishop Vincent is asking all parishioners to consider becoming a member of the Commission. Please register your interest using the form at the bottom of the page on the Diocesan website.

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.

SHARING OUR STORY

Sharing Our Story is a small group program offered at Christ the King. It provides a safe and welcoming context for people to reflect on their life and faith in the light of the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday. Sharing Our Story is open to everyone. The program is conducted in the Burton Centre on the third Wednesday of each month from February to November from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The next session is Wednesday, November 20. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

NOSTRA AETATE

Nostra Aetate is Vatican II official declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian religions and was promulgated on 28 October 1965. This groundbreaking declaration formalized and encouraged the Catholic Church to engage in open and respectful dialogue with believers from other religions. As we enter the 60th year of Nostra Aetate, the Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta brings this document to life with a special 'human library' interreligious event, where a representative from each of the faiths named in Nostra Aetate - Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism will share about their beliefs and practices. Monday, 28th October from 6.30 to 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP: info.cccmr@columban.org.au.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

Two of our cleaners are retiring due to their age so we are asking for volunteers to join the cleaning roster on a six weekly basis on a Friday or a Saturday morning. Please phone the parish office if you can help. 9871 8710.

FREE THEOLOGY BOOKS: CLEARING OF BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE LIBRARY

As the Bishop Bede Heather Centre will be undergoing renovations soon, the library books are available for collection, free of charge. There are many books in all categories – biblical studies, philosophy, ethics, spirituality, ministry, homiletics, parish renewal, liturgy, sacraments and MORE.

You are welcome to visit on the following days, from 10am to 4pm: Monday 21 October, Wednesday 30 October, Wednesday 6 November, Tuesday 12 November, Friday 22 November. Address: Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. For any enquiries contact 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.

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.