



# Sunday, 13th October, 2024

## TWENTY-EIGHTH 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)

**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

#### 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:** Monsignor Vincent Redden, Jeanette Joseph (mother of Joe Joseph).

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

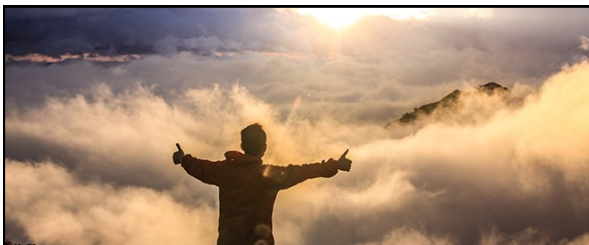
One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

## WELCOME BACK FR IAN

Fr Ian will return from holidays to the parish this weekend.

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP

The next gathering of the Good Neighbour Group will be this Friday, 18th October in the Parish Hall at 10.00am. Good company, Tai Chi, bingo and lunch, all for \$7.



## 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 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-27

Next Week's Readings: Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

**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.*

### 12th & 13th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Marea Mooney

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** School holidays

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Anne-Marie Makin

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7:** Ada Cheung

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Marc & Carmela Corazza, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

### 19th & 20th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Keith Henson	Liza Jilesh Georgette Rissmiller	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Danielle Dona Caroline Thurairatnam	Trish Yates	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Mariana Tomasovic	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Jecy Vaz

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Lorraine Murphy, Mario Azzopardi, John Lacey

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8:** Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6:** Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Ellen Vaughan, Steve Frare

## **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND**

Social stigma, poor access to services, and the harsh Mongolian winter mean that the most vulnerable people will often struggle to access the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Recognising this need, the Church has begun work on the House of Mercy. When complete, the House of Mercy will provide shelter to many in need, including people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or those in need of first aid services.

This World Mission month we are called to 'invite everyone to the banquet' (Matthew 22:9) and reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a place we sometimes call the 'lucky country'. We invite you to support the Church in Mongolia and provide critical assistance to our brother and sisters in need.

Envelopes are available on the seats today and will be collected next weekend.

## **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 every 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November.

The next Session is on TONIGHT, Sunday, 13 October and the topic is "Prayer and Ongoing Conversion". 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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org).

## **GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS FOR CTK SCHOOL AND MEMORIAL FOR SR CATHERINE MADDOCK CHF**

This Wednesday, 16 October Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta, will celebrate Mass for the Golden anniversary of Christ the King School beginning at 9:30am. (Parishioners please note that Mass will not be held at 9am, but please join with us at 9:30am). Within this Eucharist we will also pay tribute to the founding Principal of the school, Sr Catherine Maddock CHF, who led the school for 23 years and who died on 4 July 2024 in Glasnevin, Ireland aged 87. Members of our school and parish families are all welcome to attend.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 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](http://parracatholic.org/weddingmass) or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

## **CATHOLIC CARE ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION: 15 OCTOBER**

Are you concerned about online scams and cyber threats? Join Catholic Care to learn how to safeguard your personal information. Their experts will share essential tips and effective strategies to help you navigate the digital world safely. Enjoy free morning tea and lunch while you learn! Registrations essential, contact Rita Hakkoum 0477 952 024.

## 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.

## MET WORSHIP MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND DYING FORMATION: 19 OCTOBER

Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying? 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 & Lunch provided. For more information and to register contact [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship> by 14 October.

## ROUSE HILL PARISH CAR BOOK SALE: 19 OCTOBER

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, is having a Car Boot Sale on Saturday, 19 October between 10am to 3pm on the church grounds. All are welcome to join in with their Parish community, sell items that you no longer want, or you may even pick up a bargain! Spaces to hire are limited. Cost is \$100 for a double car space. If you wish to reserve a space, please email [parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au).

## CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

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

## NORTH ROCKS CEMETERY GRAVES FOR SALE

2 double plots. Contact Nellie Kelleher on 0409 235 386 or [nellie.kelleher@bigpond.com](mailto:nellie.kelleher@bigpond.com).

### **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](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.