



# Sunday, 20th October, 2024

## TWENTY-NINTH 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, David Parrott.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death.

As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

## 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](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.*

### 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

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

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

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

**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

## Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Laudato Si: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - This past week is marked as Carer's Week. Carers are people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged. Anyone can become a carer, at any time. Take time to pray for and thank any carers in your life.

## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL TODAY

This week you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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## ALL SOULS : 2 NOVEMBER

On 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, Friday 1 November at 9:15am.

## THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

A meeting will take place this Wednesday, 23rd October beginning at 7:30pm in the parish hall 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.

## 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](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

## 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](mailto:mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com) or Deacon John Collins: [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## CAMPION COLLEGE FESTIVAL: 26 OCTOBER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, 26 October, and bring the whole family for a day of fun and community spirit at the Champion College Festival. Discover Australia's first liberal arts college and enjoy market stalls, children's rides, a muscle car show, a second-hand book sale and campus tours. 10am-4pm. FREE entry. All welcome. Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. [www.champion.edu.au/festival](http://www.champion.edu.au/festival).

## **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.