



Sunday, 6th October, 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

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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: Michael Gordon.

ANNIVERSARY: Annabelle Snaith.

REFLECTION

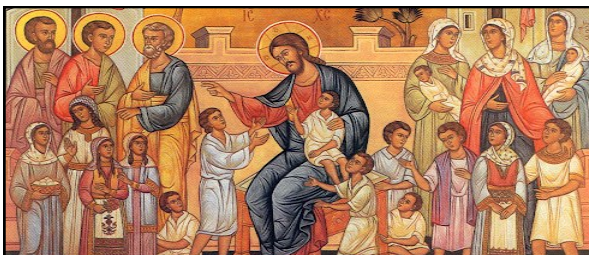
by Dianne Bergant CSA

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS THIS WEEKEND



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: Gen 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:12-16

Next Week's Readings: Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-27

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.

5th & 6th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Liza Jilesh	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer Needed	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona Caroline Thurairatnam	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Sarah Cook Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays

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

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Ryan Brown, Ejay Hwang

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	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

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION

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 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.

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

On 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.

HEARING AID SERVICE - SAMOA

Parishioners Philip and Cristy Newall have been working in Samoa providing a Hearing Aid Service to children and adults in need for many years. This [youtube](#) explains their vital work and provides an avenue should you be able to help. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxOoSjji-8>

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

[Birds in Backyards](#) -For over 120 years, BirdLife Australia has been at the forefront of bird conservation in Australia. Thanks to our supporters, and to the science which informs our actions, we've achieved some incredible outcomes for threatened birds – but now, we're facing our greatest challenge yet: Australia's extinction crisis. There's a lot you can do for Australia's birds from the comfort of your own home — from creating a bird-friendly garden to submitting a seasonal survey — you can make a difference by taking action in your own backyard. Find out more about the [Birds in Backyards](#) project.

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 in the Diocese of Parramatta? 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 and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact Hannah on hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

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 Solemn 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 or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

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.