



Sunday, 24th November, 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Year B



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Seminarian: Jeff Hood
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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: Thomas Cook, Raphael Satyo, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Warren Johnson, Lilian 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: Clarence (Clarry) Barbera (Funeral this Friday, 29 Nov at 10.30); Mary Ahern.

ANNIVERSARY: Annette Louise Hodge.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

MINISTRY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

We invite all people involved in ministry in the parish to share in refreshments and food in McKillop Hall on Wednesday, 4th December at 7.30pm as we express our gratitude for the service that you do throughout the year. To help with catering please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/MxtTWb7rSRhyEbjC7> by Wed 27 November



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: Dan 7:13-14, Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37
 Next Week's Readings: Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

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.

23rd & 24th November - Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Georgette Rissmiller Liza Jilesh	Tiana Fernandes	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Peter Bosci	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

30th November & 1st December - 1st Sunday of Advent

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Liza Jilesh	Tiana Fernandes	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Dawn Peat	Thomas Sissons	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Ken Coorey, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 1: Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Roger Brewer

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Barbara Craft, Steve Frare

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Laudato Si: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - Water is essential for life on earth. But one of the largest things on earth is an island of rubbish floating in the Pacific Ocean. It contains at least 79,000 tons of discarded plastic and is more than twice the size of Texas. Be aware of waste disposal and try not to contribute to that island. See the Great Pacific Garbage Patch online.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The parish celebrates its patronal feast day today. We welcome children from our school who will join us, with their families, at today's 10.00am Mass. Following the Mass all are invited to share food and beverages, weather permitting, outside the church. Barbecued sausages are also being organised. If you could bring a plate of food to share with fellow parishioners it would be greatly appreciated.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES NEXT WEEKEND

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal to give your gift of a new beginning today. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PLAY - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 5.30PM

As Christmas season approaches, we warmly invite your children to participate in our Christmas Eve Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to share their joy and spirit through performing a simple play during this special celebration.

Children must commit to attending Sunday 10.00am Mass during December when we will practice. Contact Sarah Cook for more information at scook@parra.catholic.edu.au.



NOVEMBER MASSES

St Ambrose preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayer into the house of the Lord." For this reason, parishioners are invited to put the names of their loved ones on the card provided on the table near the sanctuary and place this on the commemorative wall during the month of 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 Parish Memorial Book. Only recently deceased persons will be listed in the bulletin during the month of November.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2025

We are desperate for new catechists to cover classes in North Rocks Public School and Carlingford West Public School in 2025. If you can spare a small amount of time on Tuesday mornings or Wednesday afternoons we would love to hear from you. Please call the parish office on 9871 8710 or Terri Hirschhorn on 0407 294 332. Brochures are available in the church foyer.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

A reminder to parents that First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, 10 December and Wednesday 11 December between 3:30 and 5pm. Times and days have been allocated to each family in the program.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting food and children's presents for their 2024 Christmas Hampers until Sunday, 8 December.

Please take a card from the Giving Trees at the Church entrance and return your food items and children's gifts to the Church foyer for collection by 8 December. Please help the needy families and individuals Vinnies assist, celebrate a happy and joyful Christmas. Please note: Do not wrap any items.

MINISTRY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

The Parish Pastoral Council will have its final meeting for the year on Wednesday, December 4. This will be a short meeting after which, at 7.30pm, we invite all people involved in ministry (this includes our catechists, readers, acolytes, ministers of communion to the assembly and the sick, our musicians and singers, collectors and welcomers, flower arrangers, cleaners and sacristans, all who help in Children's Liturgy, our Finance and liturgy committee, money counters and members of the St Vincent DePaul society and refugee support group in our parish) to share in refreshments and food as we express our gratitude for the service that you do throughout the year. To help with catering please RSVP by Wednesday 27th November at <https://forms.gle/MxtTWb7rSRhyEbjC7>.

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).



CTK CONNECT THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our inaugural Connect morning tea at Eastwood.

The 17 of us had a great morning and look forward to further activities next year. Thank you to everyone who filled out questionnaires to help us with our planning (more available at the back of the church). Watch this space as we plan for 2025. For information contact Marianne 0418641412: dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com or Vivien 0413027507: vivien.brewer@gmail.com.

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.

PJE TABLE TALK: "DISABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT, SEEKING ASYLUM: NAVIGATING MULTIPLE CHALLENGES IN AUSTRALIA": 28 NOVEMBER

Please join us for our final diocesan table talk to hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and learn how you can play a part in creating positive change: 28 November 2024, 6:00pm – 8:30pm, Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light dinner will be served on arrival. Find out more and register at parracatholic.org/pietabletalk.



Parishioners enjoying Devonshire tea at the Connect morning tea at Eastwood last week.

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.