



Sunday, 3rd November, 2024

THIRTY-FIRST 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, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Baynie, Fariba Ghazi Madeleine Snaith.

During November, names of the deceased can be found in the Book of Remembrance in front of the altar .

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

CTK CONNECT



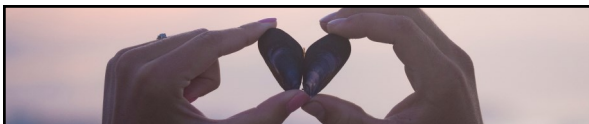
CTK Connect is a newly established Parish group looking to strengthen community across a range of ages in everyday life and also in times of need.

Our first activity will be a Devonshire Tea morning at CWA Eastwood Rest Centre (cost \$6) with an opportunity to shop for homemade crafts. Transport will be provided if needed. We will be meeting at 10am on Friday November 22 at the front of CTK Church. We expect to return by 12.30 pm.

For more information and to book a place please contact:

Marianne 0418641412: dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com)

Vivien 0413027507: vivien.brewer@gmail.com



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: Deut 6:2-6, Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34
 Next Week's Readings: 1 Kg 17:10-16, Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Volunteer needed	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

9th & 10th November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Sue DeCourcy	Kerry Saad Georgette Rissmiller	Tiana Fernandes	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Caroline Thurairatnam Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Danielle Dona Rob Haddad	Thomas Sissons	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Barbara Craft, Lorraine Murphy

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Ken Coorey, Chris & Beverley Poole, John & Sue DeCourcy

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Laudato Si: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - Sunrise is a joy. light floods the earth. Look around, pause, enjoy. Appreciate the world, give thanks and praise to God. Make a vow to do what you can to preserve our precious planet. What a shame it would be if pollution made an end to us enjoying that beauty.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The parish celebrates its patronal feast day on Sunday, 24 November. Parishioners are invited to attend the 10.00am Mass on that weekend and 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.



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 scCook@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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

The registration for this program has now concluded. Resource packages can be collected from the parish office Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm. Next weekend, 9th and 10th 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 the Mass they choose. On Wednesday, 13 November the first session of the program begins for parents and children beginning at 7:30pm in the Mary MacKillop Parish Hall. If, for a legitimate reason, the family cannot attend please notify 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).



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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parishioners who have volunteered to join the church cleaning roster and to those who have cleaned the church on a regular basis for many years. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

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. The next Session has been moved to Sunday, 17th November and the topic is "Working with Doubts and Struggles on Our Spiritual Journey", led by 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 organizing these sessions, contact the parish office or email jeffrey.hood@parracatholic.org.

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.

ANNUAL BISHOP VINCENT VATICAN II LECTURE: 20 NOVEMBER

You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register for limited seating via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact met@parracatholic.org.

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: 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.