



# Sunday, 10th November, 2024

## THIRTY-SECOND 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, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Warren Johnson, Mary Ahern, 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.

#### ANNIVERSARY: Esber Yarak

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

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

## 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 **Thursday November 21** 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](mailto:dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com))

Vivien 0413027507: [vivien.brewer@gmail.com](mailto: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: 1 Kg 17:10-16, Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Next Week's Readings: Dan 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14; Mk 13:24-32

**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.*

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Darren Mobbs	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Tiana Fernandes	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Caroline Thurairatnam Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	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

### 16th & 17th November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Liza Jilesh Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Trish yates	Christine Kinsella
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Lorraine Murphy, Mario Azzopardi, Jecy Vaz

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3:** Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

## 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.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

We welcome the 34 children who have registered for the First Reconciliation program and their families. These children will be enrolled in a liturgical ceremony at all Masses this weekend. The first session for children with parents will take place this Wednesday, 13 November in MacKillop Hall beginning at 7:30pm. If for a legitimate reason families cannot attend this session, please notify the parish office before Wednesday evening. Next weekend we will ask parishioners to pray for these children and their families by taking home an enrolment card with the child's name and pray for them during the program. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 10 and 11 December.

## 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 [cook@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cook@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.



## 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 from Saturday, 16 November until Sunday, 8 December.

Please take a card from the Giving Tree 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 they assist, celebrate a happy and joyful Christmas. Please note: Do not wrap any items.

## 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 we invite all people involved in ministry (this includes our 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>.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

The Parish Council has decided to reintroduce the Anointing of the Sick Mass which will begin this 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).



## 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.

## CTK LITURGY GROUP

An invitation is extended to any of our parishioners who would like to assist in organising the Christmas liturgies to come to a meeting in the Burton centre this Tuesday evening 12 November at 7:30pm.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION NEXT WEEKEND

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](mailto:jeffrey.hood@parracatholic.org).

## YOUTH MINISTER POSITION AVAILABLE

Epping and Carlingford Parish is recruiting a new Youth Ministries Coordinator. They are looking for someone whose faith in Jesus Christ is central to their life, and who wants to help young people aged 13-30 encounter Jesus so that he can transform their lives. We need someone who can be present to our teenagers and young adults, and who can also build up the team of adults and young adults who lead them, so it may suit a young adult, or a parent who is available for part time work. This is a paid role, approximately 18 hours per week, with some flexible working hours, and penalty rates for after hours work which is required to be at each of the three youth groups. If you're interested in applying contact Fr Jim or send your expression of interest and CV to [jim.mckee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jim.mckee@bbcatholic.org.au) before Nov 25

## 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).

## **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.