



Sunday, 17th November, 2024

THIRTY-THIRD 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: Thomas Cook, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jeanette 'Jan' Joseph.

ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Chow, Peter Reiter.

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

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

CTK CONNECT

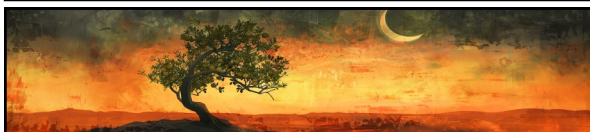


CTK Connect is a newly established Parish group looking to strengthen community across a range of ages in everyday life and also in times of need. Our first activity will be a Devonshire Tea morning at CWA Eastwood Rest Centre (cost \$6) with an opportunity to shop for homemade crafts. Transport will be provided if needed. We will be meeting at 10.00am this **Thursday November 21** at the front of CTK Church. We expect to return by 12.30pm.

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: Dan 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14; Mk 13:24-32

Next Week's Readings: Dan 7:13-14, Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Liza Jilesh Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Trish yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	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

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	Caroline Thurairatnam 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

Laudato Si - Earthcare News

Laudato Si: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - In a world so damaged by war, terror and consumerism, are we becoming increasingly desensitised by the constant images on our screens and in our feeds, that we seem to accept the loss of life and the environmental carnage in the world without shock. Is our God of love being blurred? Spend time this weekend praying, respecting and enjoying the diversity of people, animal and plant life that is this great country.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The parish celebrates its patronal feast day next 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 scook@parra.catholic.edu.au.



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

At all Masses this weekend members of the parish finance committee will be giving an update on parish finances. If parishioners require further information don't hesitate to ask the members of the committee or direct a query to them through the parish email address.

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

This weekend we will distribute the 37 enrolment cards of the children preparing for First Reconciliation to parishioners and invite them to pray for the children and their families. By now all parents should be working with their children over the next three weeks on lessons 2, 3 and 4. First reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, 10 December and Wednesday the 11 December between 3:30 and 5pm.

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 this weekend 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 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).



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 this Wednesday, Nov 20. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT

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 tonight, 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.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to parishioners :Villi Isaia, for concreting a path from the new presbytery to behind the old presbytery, Tony Chacty for installing a new TV in the Eric Burton Centre and Luke Rissmiller for removing concertina walls in the new boardroom.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTER POSITION AVAILABLE

Epping and Carlingford Parish is recruiting a new Youth Ministries Coordinator. They need someone who can be present to the 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.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au before Nov 25

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.