



Sunday, 9th February, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Frances Gallagher
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm

School Principal: Tony Hughes
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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: Joseph Keece, Thomas Cook, Raphael Satyo, Peter Aw, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Abraham Concepcion, 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, Delia Hipolito.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sean Burke-Flynn & Maria Halpin (Ireland), Monica Jermy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hugh Snaith, Faye Donaldson, Raymond Isaac.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP

The Good Neighbour Group meets in the Parish Hall on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 10.00am for good company, Tai Chi, bingo and lunch, all for \$7. All are welcome to join in. The next gathering is Friday, 21st February.



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: Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
 Next Week's Readings: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

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.

8th & 9th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Ron Ruskin	Georgette Rismiller Liza Jilesh	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Trish Yates	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Sarah Cook Jennie Mater	Thomas Sissons	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sundays during school term

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

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey & 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

15th & 16th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	John De Courcy Liza Jilesh	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Mary Cook, Terri Hirschhorn

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Mario Azzopardi, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

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

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2025

The Sacrament of First Eucharist (Yr 4 and above) on 21 & 22 June 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation (Yr 5 and above) on 10 September.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Yr 3 and above) on 9 & 10 December.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2025

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some current members have resigned after many years of service and we are grateful for their commitment to our community. The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of people, called from and by the community, to foster with the Parish Priest the building up of the Body of Christ and the actualisation of God’s Kingdom in our parish of Christ the King. It is a ministry on behalf of and to the parish community enabling members of the community to become aware of their gifts, creativity and needs, and encouraging them to put these into action to build up the community. The Council meets bimonthly and assists the Pastor to set goals and priorities. Any parishioner, over the age of 18 years, is welcome to apply to be a member of the Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council, please contact Fr Ian personally or via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org. If you require further information, please feel free to speak to current or past Parish Pastoral Council members. Your parish needs you!



CTK CONNECT EVENT: THIS THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

CTK Connect would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in attending the first meeting in our Activities Program for 2025.

When? From 10am till 12 noon this Thursday, February 13.

Where? The Burton Centre (formerly the Parish Presbytery)

What are we planning? Bridge games for both experienced players and those who’d like to learn (cards and tuition available!) Craft activities (initially knitting and crocheting - wool, cotton, needles, crochet hooks and tuition available.)

Chat groups. Morning tea provided. There is an opportunity to be involved in planning of further meetings/activities.

Looking forward seeing you there!

Marianne (0418 641 412 email: dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com)

Vivien (0413 027 507 email: vivien.brewer@gmail.com)

Terri (0407 294 332 email mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au)

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2025

We welcome 3 new catechists to our ministry. However, we still need more catechists to cover classes in North Rocks Public School and Carlingford West Public School this year. 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.

SUNDAY SESSION TONIGHT

The topic for tonight, Sunday February 9th is *The Nicene Creed*. 2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Church. One of the reasons for the special Jubilee celebration is that this year marks 1700 years since the Nicene Creed was discussed and agreed upon in Council in 325. All are welcome! 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Burton Centre.

For more information contact Deacon John: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for some new teachers, on a roster basis, for Children’s Liturgy which runs on the first and third Sundays of the month, during school terms at the 10am Mass. This role would suit current and ex-teachers as well as parents with young children, young adults looking at working with children, or senior school and tertiary students who would like some easy voluntary service opportunities. Personalised training and support will be provided by existing Children’s Liturgy teachers. Children’s Liturgy teachers/leaders will need to obtain a WWCC and will be required to complete mandatory Safeguarding training online. For more information or to join the team, please contact Erica at rheinberger.eric@gmail.com or 0402 259 326.

FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSES FOR ADULTS: 12-26 FEBRUARY

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don’t know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 - 8:30pm Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. RSVP: <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> or met@parracatholic.org.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Liturgy Committee will take place this Tuesday, 11th February at 7.30pm in the Burton Centre. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

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, February 19. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: 11 FEBRUARY

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am this Tuesday 11 February at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required via parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY: 16 FEBRUARY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 16 February and 18 May from 10am to 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea is provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. For enquiries, please contact Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or call 0437 340 250.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT COLLEGE OPEN DAY: SUNDAY 2 MARCH FROM 10AM - 2PM

Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2027. Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4. 449C Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. Bookings: www.msb.nsw.edu.au.

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.bpoin.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.