



Sunday, 16th February, 2025

SIXTH 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
School Phone: 8846 2700
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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, Margaret Ford, Peter Aw, Natalie De Maria, Warren Johnson, Mark Cheeseman, Abraham Concepcion, Lilian Davidson, 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: Monica Jermyn.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Wheeler, Faye Donaldson, Avedis Qasabian.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

LENENT PROGRAM 2025

The season of Lent commences this year on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. If you would like to facilitate or take part in a Lenten Program, please let the parish office know this week so books can be ordered. On offer is the Garratt program called 'Many Paths Lead to Easter'. Another program which is available this year is 'Start Anew in Christ' from the Archdiocese of Brisbane and these booklets are available this week for you to take home. If you wish to donate \$5 to cover costs, place the donation in the locked box.



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: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26
 Next Week's Readings: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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.

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

22nd & 23rd February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Liza Jilesh	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Tiana Fernandes	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Carol Coorey & 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

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.

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. The first meeting will take place this Wednesday, 19th February in the Burton Centre.



CONNECT 2025

Last Thursday saw our first gathering for 2025 of our Connect Group. We were delighted to welcome 20 from our community to a morning of various activities including bridge, knitting and morning tea. We have begun planning for our next gathering on Friday, 14th March. More details to follow. Lots of good ideas have come forward including outings, guest speakers and many different activities. We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to join us.



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.

CTK SCHOOL OPENING MASS

Christ the King school opening Mass will be celebrated this Friday 21 February within the Parish Mass beginning at 9:15am.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Concetta and Severico Pilo of 7 Meckiff Ave, North Rocks, who were married 60 years ago on 20 February at St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale.

Laudato Si - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor: [Raising Hope](#)

2025 is a breakthrough year for our common home. The 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' and a worldwide Jubilee open doors to action throughout the year. Catholics are bringing new hope to creation. "The work of the church seeks not only to remind everyone of the duty to care for nature, but at the same time she must above all protect mankind from self-destruction." Laudato Si 79

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.

GIVE TO JRS FOODBANK

Jesus 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.

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.

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.

ST GABRIEL'S SCHOOL CASTLE HILL OPEN DAYS

St Gabriel's School, Castle Hill is a K-Year 12 school catering for children with a mild to moderate intellectual disability, as well as students who are deaf or hard of hearing; blind or have low vision; have Autism and other disabilities. The School is holding two Open Days in March: Kindergarten 2026 enrolments on Thursday, 6 March at 9.30am-11am Year 7 2026 enrolments on Thursday, 13 March at 9.30am-11am. Parents can register for the Open Day using the following links: [St Gabriel's School – Kindergarten 2026 Open Day](#) / [St Gabriel's School – Year 7 2026 Open Day](#)

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.