



# Sunday, 23rd February, 2025

## SEVENTH 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  
**School Web Site:**  
[www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au)

**Anointing of the Sick Mass:** Friday, 16 May 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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**Phone:** 9871 8710

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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:** Deacon Rudy Rupac  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ken Abood, Bishop Bede Heather, Patrick Wheeler.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

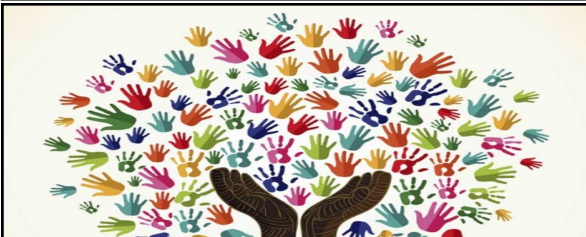
Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

## LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

The season of Lent commences this year on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. A 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: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Next Week's Readings: Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**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.*

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

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

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

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

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8:** Lou Howitt & 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

### 1st & 2nd March - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Volunteer needed	Jim Kinsella
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Sarah Cook	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger, Rachel Parnaby, Terri Hirschhorn

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Mario Azzopardi, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP 1:** Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Roger Brewer

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9:** Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1:** CTK School Mums, Greta Metz, Maria Ellis

## 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, 7th March.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council met, for the first time this year, last Wednesday evening and elected new office bearers for 2025. Sarah Cook has been elected again as Chairperson of the Council with Stephen Doyle taking on the role of Deputy Chair. Julie Bonney has kindly accepted being Secretary again this year. We thank the executive for taking on this role for our parish and the other members who have stayed on the Council. We are also grateful for those who have been members and decided to step down, for their generous contributions over the years. We noted at the meeting that we would like to have more representation from a younger generation of parishioners. So, if there are any parishioners, 18 or over, who would like to contribute something to your parish with your perspective, please come forward or alternatively other parishioners may nominate you. Please contact the parish office if you have any suggestions. This body has an important advisory role to the Parish Priest in administering the parish and enabling us to be a more synodal local church into the future.

### COMMISSIONING MASS

We welcome our Special Religious Education teachers and our Children's Liturgy facilitators who will be commissioned at the 10am Mass today.

### CONNECT 2025



We have begun planning for our next gathering on Friday, 14th March. More details to follow. Lots of good ideas came forward at our first gathering including outings, guest speakers and many different activities. We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to join us.

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee will meet this Wednesday evening, 26 February, in the Burton Centre (old presbytery) beginning at 7:30pm.

### CHRIST THE KING NORTH ROCKS 2025 OPEN DAY (FOR 2026 ENROLMENTS)

**11.30am - 1.00pm Friday, 7th March**

The Community of Christ the King North Rocks invites parents, friends, neighbours and their families to join us for a Liturgy, morning tea and a visit to our Learning Areas. Year 6 Students will be offering guided tours for families looking to enrol in 2026. Enrolment packages will be available on the day.

When: Friday, 7th March. Liturgy begins at 11.30am. Tours begins at 12.00pm.

Where: 2 Statham Avenue, North Rocks. Come along and join us for an Introduction to Our School. Enquiries to: [northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:northrocks@parra.catholic.edu.au) or contact Mr Hughes on 0432 056 959 to make an enquiry or book a tour.



### CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION MORNING - 1 MARCH

You are invited to attend a Reflection Morning called 'Introduction to the Jesus Prayer' - Its Theology and Place within Personal Prayer, with Fr Michael Whelan SM. Entry by donation. Tea/coffee provided. Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Enquiries to Carole 9869 1036 or Michelle 9958 5963.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR 2025

We are still in need of 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.

### UNDERSTANDING THE MASS - HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND RITE

This Faith Formation Program will be held at St Michael's Parish, 1 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills on 27 February and 6 March at 7.30pm with Fr Joseph Lam PhD STD PD. For information phone 9639 0598.

### CONTINUE THE MARIST SPIRIT AT ST PATRICKS - SUNDAY FEB 23

You are invited to be part of a conversation on how we can continue the Marist Spirit in St Patricks Church Hill community. The Marist Fathers are set to leave St Patrick's this December after 157 years. Join them for a discussion led by Marist Laity Australia as they discern the future of the Marist presence at St Patrick's. Time 10am to 11am in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill. All are welcome! For more information - [www.maristlaityaustralia.com](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com).

### Laudato Si - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

Do you know how to separate your rubbish correctly? [Here is a guide to waste and recycling](#) using your yellow and red bins. Remember, Parramatta city Council now has FOGO meaning all food waste can be placed in your green bin. Teach your children and grandchildren about FOGO, encouraging them to bring uneaten food home to place into the green FOGO bin.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.msb.nsw.edu.au).

## ST GABRIEL'S SCHOOL CASTLE HILL OPEN DAYS

St Gabriel's School, Castle Hill is a K to 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](#)

## ACCOMMODATION IN LANE COVE

My name is Margaret and I have an elderly mother who lives in Lane Cove. She is looking for a person to move into the spare bedroom and help her with her gardens (just a bit of weeding and watering) and have a cup of tea and a chat with her now and then. Rent would be \$100 per week just to cover expenses. No personal care or cleaning required. Would ideally suit a retired woman who is good with older people and likes gardening. Please message my sister Delphine on 0405 484 888.

## SYDNEY ALLIANCE FEDERAL PRE-ELECTION ASSEMBLY: 13 MARCH

Join the Diocese of Parramatta's delegation at the Sydney Alliance Federal Pre-Election Assembly 2025. A great opportunity to experience and showcase our faith in action as this non-partisan assembly invites decision-makers to commit to concrete post-election action on housing and renting, affordable and renewable energy, and climate resilience: 13 March, 5:40pm to 7:40pm, Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead. Register at [events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-federal-assembly-2025](http://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-federal-assembly-2025) and please include "Catholic Diocese of Parramatta" and the name of your parish.

## 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.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](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) as soon as possible. Thank you.