



# Sunday, 6th April, 2025

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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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**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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#### **IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED**

**THE SICK:** Joseph Keece, Sue Ferguson, Thomas Cook, Raphael Satyo, Natalie De Maria, Peter Aw, Warren Johnson, Mark Cheeseman, Abraham Concepcion, Lilian Davidson, Edna Esmero, Gary Bailey, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Heaton, Ken Sunderland, Pat McAppion, Helene Graham, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Delia Hipolito.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bruce Straub, Fay Helson, Ray Parsons, Gracy Dias, Bill Outch, Reg Bucknell.

**ANNIVERSARY:** John Sidney Vaz.

**DECEASED:** Luis Armando Diaz Gamez.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

#### **DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS THIS WEEKEND**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Sunday morning!



#### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

This Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Burton Centre.

#### **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 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11  
 Next Week's Readings: Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14-23:56

**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.*

### 5th & 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

|                        | Welcomer        | Acolyte      | Reader                  | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Saturday 5.30pm</b> | Darren Mobbs    | Lance Parker | Ministers needed        | Miriam Chacty     | Gillian Mobbs        |
| <b>Sunday 8am</b>      | John Murphy     | Ken Coorey   | Julie Elliott           | Trish Yates       | Caroline Thuraiatnam |
| <b>Sunday 10am</b>     | Rosanne Vaughan | Peter Hrast  | Dawn Peat<br>Rob Haddad | Tiana Fernandes   | Jecy Vaz             |

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger, Erin Wynne, Terri Hirschhorn

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Deirdre Lee, Jecy Vaz

**COUNTER GROUP 2:** Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Lent (No flowers)

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6:** Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Barbara Craft, Steve Frare

### 12th & 13th April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

|                        | Welcomer        | Acolyte      | Reader                         | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Saturday 5.30pm</b> | George Germanos | Ron Ruskin   | Liza Jilesh<br>Kerry Saad      | Volunteer needed  | Gillian Mobbs        |
| <b>Sunday 8am</b>      | John Murphy     | Jim Kinsella | Julie Elliott<br>Danielle Dona | Jo-Anne Castaneda | Anne-Marie Makin     |
| <b>Sunday 10am</b>     | Rosanne Vaughan | Peter Bosci  | Sarah Cook<br>Dawn Peat        | Levi Brown        | Margaret Coakley     |

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Anne-Marie Makin

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Palms

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

**Laudato Si - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor:** Sustainability Saturdays - Start a porch or window box garden, or join a community garden.

Sustenance Sundays - "Be praised, my Lord, for brother fire by whom the night is illumined for us. He is....full of power and strength." Fire can also do great damage in areas affected by drought.

## TODAY IS THE BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your gifts and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal this weekend. Envelopes are on your seats today. Thank you.

## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Wight family, Christian and Suzanne and their children Miles and Lawton. May Miles and Lawton's baptisms on Easter Sunday be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

## CONNECT 2025



The Connect Group has two gatherings this week in the Burton Centre (old Presbytery, next door to the Church):

- \* This Thursday, 10 April, BOOKCLUB from 10.30am till Noon to discuss this month's book "The Masterpiece" by Belinda Alexandra.
- \* This Friday, 11 April from 10am to Noon with guest speaker, Kate Bates from NSW Government ID Support, who will talk about '*keeping yourself safe online and on your phone*'. Following this gathering will be morning tea, craft and Bridge. Please contact us for enquiries or for help with transport on the day.

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## PROJECT COMPASSION

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of their supporters and the dedication of their local partners on the ground. Their partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes or envelopes. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



## 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. They are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November.

The next Session is Sunday, 13 April and the topic is "Easter Lectio Divina": A prayerful reflection on the three Resurrection accounts that are choices for the Easter Sunday Gospel Readings.

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 Deacon John Collins through the parish office or via email [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## EASTER SERVICES

**WEDNESDAY 16th: Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm**

**HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm (no morning Mass)**

**GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross at 10.00am**

**Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm**

**HOLY SATURDAY: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm**

## 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 including people outside the parish and non-Catholics. The next gathering is Friday, 2nd May so spread the word!

## URGENT CALL FROM JRS FOODBANK

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia has put out an urgent call for food donations. With the rising cost of living, many are struggling to have enough food and essential items to meet their family's weekly needs. As stocks are running very low, 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.

## CATHOLIC OUTLOOK AVAILABLE NOW

Please pick up a copy of the Lent & Easter edition of Catholic Outlook as you leave the church today. Featured are: Easter ceremony times throughout the Diocese; A visit to OLOR Kellyville, A cuppa with Fr John Hogan; A new cemetery for Sydney; Bishop Vincent's Easter message.



## GRACE AND TRUTH EVENT

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9pm, starting in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2025 PAPAL & DIOCESAN AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals, both religious and lay, who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31 May 2025. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit [parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/).

## SHARING OUR STORY THIS WEDNESDAY

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, April 9. 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)

## COMMISSIONING MASS OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS: 13 MAY

All liturgical ministers: readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers, their family and friends are invited to the Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on 13th May at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register attendance: [parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/](http://parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/).

### **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

**DEFIBRILLATOR VIDEO:** [https://youtu.be/mE-ZIaE\\_9fw](https://youtu.be/mE-ZIaE_9fw).

*Thank you to everyone in the continual support of the parish and the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta.*