



Sunday, 20th April, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Year C



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Deacon: John Collins
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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:

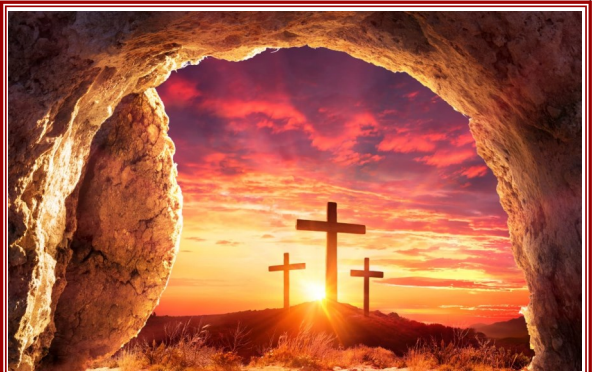
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**IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER
THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN
REQUESTED**

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 Sortias, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Delia Hipolito.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Michael Fallon, Dr Francis Lah, Leo Moloney (father of Fr Brian Moloney).

ANNIVERSARY: Olga Gialanze, Jan Burgin, Bev McAppion, Peter Murphy, Allen O'Hara.



Dear Parishioners,

Holy week and the Easter Season are the most significant time of the Church's year. May it be a special time for ourselves.

During Holy Week, Christ invites us to relive with him the mystery of those sacred events in which our salvation is achieved. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, the very foundation of Christian faith: *"If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain"* (1 Cor 15:14) "Vain" here means "lacking truth" or "empty".

Without the Resurrection, the movement of our life is toward death. The resurrection of Jesus is a declaration of another reality and an invitation to a very different form of life. May we continue to renew our acceptance of that invitation.

Thanks to all who have helped us celebrate these liturgies worthily. Wishing you a Holy and Spirit filled Easter.

Rev. Fr Ian McGinnity, P.P.
Rev. Mr. John Collins, Deacon

ANZAC DAY MASS
Friday, 25 April at 9.15am

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: Acts 10:34,37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 5:12-16, Rev 1:9-13,17-19, Jn 20:19-31

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.

19th & 20th April - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy Liza Jilesh Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Trish Yates	Minister needed
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad	Thomas Sissons	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy during school holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Mario Azzopardi, Minister needed

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Lou Howitt, Paul Cook, Frances Gallagher

26th & 27th April - Second Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Miriam Chacty	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Danielle Dona Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Thomas Sissons	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy during school holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Deirdre Lee, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: John & Sue DeCourcy, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

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!

PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2025

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land.

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. Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday evening or to Mass next weekend. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday falls on 8 June this year. Please save this date to celebrate our multicultural diversity in the birth of the Church with some international food sharing after the 10am Mass. More information to follow.

CONNECT 2025



For our **May 9** Connect meeting our guest speaker will be Stephen Doyle from the parish who will be addressing the complicated area of wills, power of attorney and related legal matters. Stephen would like to run this as a Q and A session and is keen to hear from us regarding what our burning questions might be. Bridge, crafts and morning tea chats will still be on offer after the presentation. The guest presentation on North Rocks History (now from the Hills Historical Society) has been re-scheduled for June. The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **Thursday May 22 at 10am**. Books are available from the Parish Office. On **May 26**, Community Wheels at Northmead is offering our group three more places to join them on a bus tour to Hyde Park War Memorial. Transport and lunch are free. Please contact Vivien if interested. Please contact us if transport is needed for any gathering : Terri: 0407294323 email tmhirschhorn@yahoo.com.au, Vivien 0413027507 email: vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412 email: dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com.

LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today

EASTER SERVICES

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

EASTER SUNDAY: 8.00am and 10.00am

RECONCILIATION: Holy Saturday from 3.00pm

Laudato Si - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor: Sustainability Saturdays - Holy Saturday: "What kind of world do we want to leave those who come after us, to children who are growing up." Laudato Si'
Sustenance Sundays - Glorious Easter: Christ is risen and all of creation with Him! Savour the life that is in you and around you! The flowers bursting forth, the friends and your family, clean water and air! Be grateful for God's gift of creation! Rejoice and be glad!

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 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.

STUDY OF LUKE'S GOSPEL WITH DR LAURIE WOODS: FRIDAYS 2-30 MAY

Join in for an enriching study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Sessions will take place each Friday in May from 9:30am to 1:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information or to RSVP by 30 April, contact ccd.training@parracatholic.org.

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.

CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK

Hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's youth ministry office, the Good Friday Night Walk is an annual pilgrimage attended by hundreds of young people across the Diocese. Pilgrims travel from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta throughout the night of Good Friday and into Holy Saturday. Starts at 9pm till 7am. Registration is via the Diocese of Parramatta website.

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/.

WAY OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: HOLY FAMILY PARISH, MT DRUITT

Join Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, for the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, 18th April at 10am on the school grounds of Holy Family Primary, Emerton. Access to the grounds is available via Weber Crescent or 254 Luxford Road Emerton. All are welcome! For more information, please contact: 9628 7272 or email enquiry@holyfamily.org.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.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.

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