



Sunday, 13th April, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
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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

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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: Dr Francis Lah (funeral this Wednesday at 10.30am at CTK), Leo Moloney (father of Fr Brian Moloney), Ellen Dougherty, Bruce Straub.

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

DECEASED: Anna Fritz.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

WELCOME

We welcome Father Julian Wellspring, judicial Vicar for the New South Wales regional tribunal, who will be joining us to celebrate the Easter triduum this week.



THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS THIS THURSDAY

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: Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14-23:56

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

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.

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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Alyce Bertolissio, Terri Hirschhorn

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

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	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Mario Azzopardi, John Lacey

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

Laudato Si - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor: Sustainability Saturdays - Buy a green plant. Whenever you water it, say a prayer of gratitude for the incredible beauty and variety of all God's creation. If you can, plant a tree; they are sponges for soaking up CO2. Sustenance Sundays - Palm Sunday "Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes and sustains us bringing forth diverse fruits & grains & flowers of many colours.' Be a "tree of life".

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CATHOLIC CARE'S CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for people in hospital and prison who might otherwise feel abandoned. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal has raised over \$2330 which will provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to people in times of darkness. If you haven't had a chance to donate, envelopes are available from the tables in the Church foyer. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

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*.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION THIS 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 this 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.

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.

EASTER SERVICES

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- WEDNESDAY:** 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
 - RECONCILIATION:** Holy Saturday from 3.00pm

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.

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@hollyfamily.org.au.



THE FIRST BOOKCLUB GATHERING which took place last Thursday in the Burton Centre.

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.