



Sunday, 27th April, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

Phone: 9871 8710

Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

Website: <https://northrocks.catholic.org.au>

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: His Holiness Pope Francis, Fr Brian Gore, Caitlin McSweeney.

ANNIVERSARY: William Lum.

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.



MOTHERS DAY COLLECTION

With Mothers Day in the next few weeks, JRS will once again be conducting a collection in an effort to provide a voucher to the value of \$30 to all the Mothers registered with the Service. This appeal will be run at the Masses on 3-4 May and your contribution by way of a cash donation or a voucher would be greatly appreciated.

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 5:12-16, Rev 1:9-13,17-19, Jn 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41, Rev 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19

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.

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 | Gillian Mobbs |
| Sunday 8am | Christine Kinsella | 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

3rd & 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter

| | Welcomer | Acolyte | Reader | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 5.30pm | Julie Hook | Phil Trainor | Kerry Saad | Ruth Jilesh | Maria Bietola |
| Sunday 8am | John Murphy | Jim Kinsella | Caroline Thurairatnam Tony Hughes | Trish Yates | John Lacey |
| Sunday 10am | Rosanne Vaughan | Aubon Fernando | Rob Haddad Dawn Peat | Tiana Fernandes | Jecy Vaz |

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, John lacey

COUNTER GROUP 3: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Ryan Brown, Ejay Hwang

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 this Friday, 2nd May so spread the word!

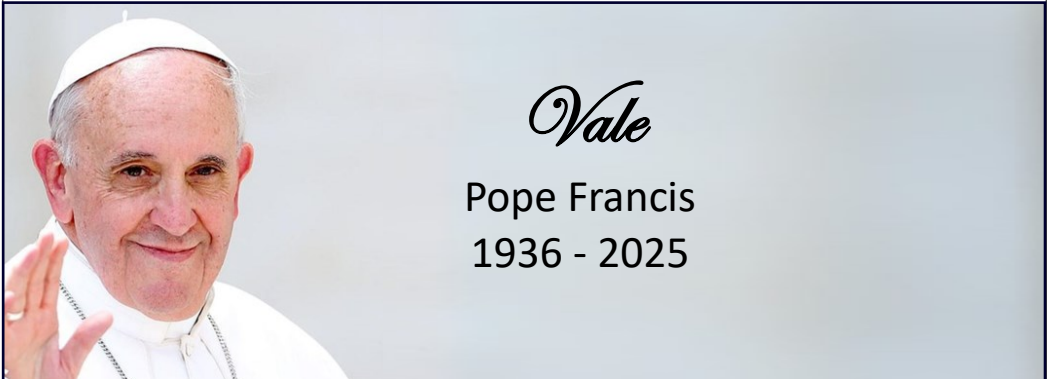
THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)

In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy, we will be conducting the parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for baptised Catholic children eligible to receive the next sacrament of initiation (First Holy Communion) into full membership of the Church.

Children in Year 4 or above who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and whose families reside within our parish boundaries (or who worship regularly at Christ the King) are now eligible to receive the sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the three parish Masses (Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8am and 10am) on the weekend of 21st / 22nd June (the Feast of Corpus Christi).

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians (children not required) on Wednesday, 7th May commencing at 7.30pm in Christ the King Parish Hall, where the program and enrolment procedure will be explained and any questions answered. This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is essential that parents/guardians attend this meeting.



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE (JRS)

On behalf of the Jesuit Refugee Service Australia we would like to once again express our sincere appreciation to the Parish of Christ the King North Rocks for its continued support to the Foodbank during the Lenten Appeal, in particular the wonderful response to the call when the Foodbank was at a desperately low level. With your support JRS has been able to meet the immediate requirements of the client base. THANK YOU. Should you wish to continue leaving donations at the Church for the JRS Foodbank, these will be collected and delivered to the Parramatta Centre.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to express their heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.



Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

CONNECT 2025

Our next Connect meeting has been changed to **Thursday, 8 May, beginning at 10am** to avoid a clash with the Mothers Day Mass. 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.

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.

PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. This year a total of \$2445 was donated and will be sent to the Franciscans for the care of the Holy Places. We thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP DAVID CREMIN

Like Mark Twain who said, "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated." It is good news to know that Bishop David is still alive. The informant of his death had confused news of the death of his sister, with Bishop David's. Bishop David is 95 years of age and whilst frail is still alive.

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.

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/.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL - REFLECTION MORNING

You are welcome to join in a Reflection Morning at Holy Name of Mary Hall, 3 Mary Street, Hunter Hill on Saturday, 3rd May from 9.30am to 12.30pm to listen to Fr David Ranson's talk on 'Synodality: A Parish Work in Progress'. No bookings required. Enquiries: Carole 9869 1036 or Michelle 9958 5963.

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.