



Sunday, 11th May, 2025
FOURTH 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

OUR NEW PONTIFF
POPE LEO XIV

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

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MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Lord God, we lift up all mothers to you. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with your peace and love, now and forever. Amen



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.

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: His Holiness Pope Francis, Anne-Marie Barrett-Brown.

ANNIVERSARY: Ignatius Nazareth, Tessie Bonney, Reg Bonnici.

DECEASED: Victoriana Castaneda.

This Week's Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52, Rev 7:9,14-17, Jn 10:27-30

Next Week's Readings: Acts 14:21-27, Rev 21:1-5, Jn 13:31-35

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.

10th & 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	John DeCourcy	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Julie Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Liza Jilesh Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Lorraine Murphy, Deirdre Lee

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Marc & Carmela Corazza, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

17th & 18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Caroline Thurairatnam Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Jim Kinsella	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Terri Hirschhorn, Sabena Peterson, Mary Cook

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Mario Azzopardi, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Lanny Carter & 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

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 on Friday, 16th May so spread the word!



FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening in the Hall, which outlined the program for this year for children in Year 4 or above who have made their First Reconciliation. To register your child for the program, please go online to <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/>. Registration will close on Friday, 16th May. Resource materials can be collected from the parish office (not school office) from Monday 19 to Friday 23 May from 9am to 3pm. If you are unable to collect the materials during this time, please contact the parish office to arrange another mutually suitable time. A reminder that the children will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three weekend Masses: 24th (5:30pm) /25th May (8am & 10am). It is essential that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for some legitimate reason. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 21st (5:30pm) /22nd June (8am & 10am), fittingly on the feast of Corpus Christi. Please keep these families in your prayers.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN MASS

This Friday, 16th May at the 9:15am Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered.

PARRAMATTA CLERGY RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Vincent has invited all the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta to a conference which will be held from the afternoon of Tuesday, 20 May to Friday, 23 May in Terrigal. Bishop Vincent writes that "With many changes in the presbyterium in recent years, we need to build and strengthen our relationships with one another. Hence, this gathering is an important opportunity for us to renew the bonds of fraternity and our shared ministry and service to the People of God. The presence of all clergy is essential, and as such, your attendance is required." Due to this requirement, Father Ian will be away from the parish during this time and there will be no Mass celebrated on Wednesday 21 May, Thursday 22 May and Friday 23 May. At the normal Mass times Graham Lum will conduct a communion service in Fr Ian's absence.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY WITH CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY

Join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother Mary during the month of May by praying the Rosary together as a school and Parish community for the first four Friday mornings in May. Let us come together in faith, love and community to seek Mary's intercession and grow closer to Christ.

When: Friday May 16 & 23. Time: 8:15am. Where: Christ the King Catholic Church
All families are welcome — let's join together in this beautiful devotional prayer.

CONNECT 2025

It was wonderful to see so many attend Thursday's meeting with Stephen Doyle's excellent presentation addressing the complicated area of wills, power of attorney and related legal matters. We were delighted to welcome many new faces and, after the presentation, to enjoy morning tea, bridge games, and some great catching up chats.

Our next guest speaker on Thursday June 12 will be from the Hills Historical Society, speaking on Colourful Characters in North Rocks History.

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **Thursday May 22 at 10am**. 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 - 8th June

On Pentecost Sunday we recognise the Church's birthday! The message of God's love has spread around the world through the work of the Holy Spirit. To celebrate, we're inviting everyone to share a meal together after the 10:00am Mass. We are asking for you to bring a plate of food from your family's culture or country of origin to share. You can team up with others from the same background to create a table of food from your country — or simply bring a favourite dish! To help us plan, please [fill in this form](#) or the paper form at the back of the church. We look forward to celebrating with you!

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION NEXT WEEK

A series of presentations, seminars, workshops, discussions and stories designed to invite adults to grow and develop in their faith. From 7:00pm till 8:30pm in the Burton Centre on Sunday, 18th May. The speaker is Sr Patricia Fox. Sr Patricia is an Australian religious, a lawyer, a member of the Congregation of Our Lady of Sion. She is known for her ejection from the Philippines by president Rodrigo Duterte. Prior to this, she was the National Coordinator of the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines. Sr Pat was in the Philippines for almost 30 years. 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 contact Deacon John Collins through the Parish Office or via email 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/.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY: 18 MAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 18 May from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. For enquiries, contact Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or call 0437 340 250.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH 60-YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION, MT DRUITT: 1 JUNE

Join in on Sunday, 1st June to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druit since its establishment in 1965. Mass at 10:30am with Bishop Vincent followed by a Multicultural Festival and lunch. If you have any memorabilia to share or need more information, please email at jubilee@hollyfamily.org.au.

SAVE THE DATE: TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING 25 JUNE

The Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening is an annual collaboration between the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay. This year, Parramatta will be hosting on Wednesday 25 June from 6pm – 9pm at St Monica's Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Engaging speakers will discuss the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", while you enjoy a delicious meal and good company.

MINISTRY OF CARE COURSES: 4 - 25 JUNE

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please visit parracatholic.org/events/OFW to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

Laudato Si Week: Debt is Harming Communities. Some countries are spending more on debt servicing than on education, healthcare or responding to the climate crisis. Countries have paid back their loans many times over in interest and repayments, but more payments are due. As Pope Francis said, "More than generosity, this is a matter of justice" (Spes Non Confundit, n16). In nations suffering from debt injustice, people lack food, clean water, and safe homes. Debt makes this situation worse. The current debt crisis worsens inequality. It undermines efforts to achieve global peace and justice. [Turn Debt into Hopehttps://turndebtintohope.caritas.org/?](https://turndebtintohope.caritas.org/?)

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.