



# Sunday, 4th May, 2025

## THIRD 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](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 Sortisa, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Delia Hipolito.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** His Holiness Pope Francis, Caitlin McSweeney.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.



#### MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

With Mother's Day next Sunday, JRS are once again conducting a collection this weekend in an effort to provide a voucher to the value of \$30 to all the Mothers registered with the Service. Your contribution by way of a cash donation or a voucher would be greatly appreciated. Sue DeCourcy will be at all Masses to collect the vouchers and donations.

#### 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 5:27-32,40-41, Rev 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19  
Next Week's Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52, Rev 7:9,14-17, Jn 10:27-30

**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.*

### 3rd & 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad	Volunteer needed	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

### 10th & 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	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

## 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!



## 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) this 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.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN MASS

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

## 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 2, 9, 16 & 23. Time: 8:15am. Where: Christ the King Catholic Church

All families are welcome — let's join together in this beautiful devotional prayer.



## PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to express their thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion. You have donated over \$12,000 so far this Easter. 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.

## 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 next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **Thursday May 22 at 10am**. Books are available from the Parish Office. Please contact us if transport is needed for any gathering: Terri: 0407294323 email [tmhirschhorn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tmhirschhorn@yahoo.com.au), Vivien 0413027507 email: [vivien.brewer@gmail.com](mailto:vivien.brewer@gmail.com) or Marianne 0418641412 email: [dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee will meet this Thursday 8 May at 7:30pm in the Burton centre.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION

A series of presentations, seminars, workshops, discussions and stories designed to invite adults (young and old) to grow and develop in their faith. From 7:00pm till 8:30pm in the Burton Centre next Sunday, 11th May. Come along to be challenged and guided into this significant season in the Catholic calendar. 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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

**Laudato Si Week: A Jubilee Year is time for forgiveness.** Inspired by the history of Jubilee years and responding to Pope Francis's message of hope and justice, we invite you to join the "Turn Debt into Hope" campaign. Join us in the call to leaders around the globe to prioritise the wellbeing of people and the planet, ensuring that the Earth's resources benefit everyone. We are part of a global campaign coordinated by the worldwide Caritas confederation and with the support of the Holy See, seeking real reform from global leaders to bring about debt justice for the most vulnerable. To learn more and register for the launch visit: [www.caritas.org.au/debt](http://www.caritas.org.au/debt)

## **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](mailto:ccd.training@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/](https://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](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or call 0437 340 250.

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

Join us as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, since its establishment in 1965. The celebrations will take place on Sunday, 1st June 2025. 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@holyfamily.org.au](mailto:jubilee@holyfamily.org.au). We look forward to celebrating this special milestone.

## **SAVE THE DATE: TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING 25 JUNE 2025**

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](https://parracatholic.org/events/OFW) to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0488 000 211.

### **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.*