



# Sunday, 8th June, 2025

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Ian McGinnity  
**Deacon:** John Collins  
**Parish Secretary:** Frances Gallagher  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm

**School Principal:** Tony Hughes  
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**School Web Site:**  
[www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au)

**Anointing of the Sick Mass:** To be advised.  
**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:** Hilary Heaton, Toni Pearce, Nunzio Guida, Joseph Keece, Sue Ferguson, 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:** Malcolm Templeman (husband of Helen), Jerry Simotas (husband of Josephine), Amelia Fernandes (grandmother of John).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Emmanuel Gialanze, Barrie Lum.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

#### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

For those parishioners who donate by envelope, new packets of planned giving envelopes are now available in the church foyer.



#### **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 2:1-11, Rom 8:8-17, Jn 14:15-16,23-26

Next Week's Readings: Prov 8:22-31, Rom 5:1-5, Jn 16:12-15

**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.*

### 7th & 8th June - Pentecost Sunday

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer Needed	Rosemary Wickham	Julie Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Dominic Choi	Marea Mooney

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Ken Coorey, Barbara Craft, Jecy Vaz

**COUNTER GROUP:** 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5:** Margaret Isaac & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

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

### 14th & 15th June - The Most Holy Trinity

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Peter Hrast	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Jim Kinsella	Mark Bonney Julie Bonney	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Bosci	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Thomas Sissons	Fadia Sleiman

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sarah Cook, Sabena Peterson

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi, Rosemary Wickham

**COUNTER GROUP:** 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6:** Carol Coorey & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Julie Hook; 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 on Friday, 20th June so spread the word!

## BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit Seminarians through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. The updated amount of \$4260 has been generously donated to support our five seminarians' ongoing education and spiritual formation that they need to remain dedicated to their ministry.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

This Sunday, 8 June we are celebrating the feast of Pentecost to conclude the Easter season. At the 10:00am Mass we invite people from different ethnic ancestry to wear their local dress. After the Mass a barbecue will be held and, if anybody wishes to share a plate of their own cultural food, it would be appreciated. This is a way for us to celebrate the plurality and diverse cultures within our Church as we gather as one through the Holy Spirit.

## CONNECT 2025

Our next guest speaker this **Friday June 13 at 10am** will be from the Hills Historical Society, speaking on Colourful Characters in North Rocks History. Bridge, crafts and morning tea chats will still be on offer after the talk.



The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for **Thursday June 26 at 10am**. This month's book is Amor Towles' 'A Gentleman in Moscow'. Copies are available from the Parish Office.

Please contact us if transport is needed for any gathering: Terri: 0407294332 email [mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mthirschhorn@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).

## BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Hubers family, Jeremy & Sarah and their children, Spencer and Scarlett. We also welcome the Doyle family, Brendan & Florence and their children, Mateo & Benjamin. May Spencer, Scarlett, Mateo and Benjamin's baptisms be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless their parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their children in the Christian faith.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be this Wednesday, 11th June at 7.30pm in the Burton Centre.

## SAFE PARISHES WEEK: 2-8 JUNE 2025

Safe Parishes Week is a time to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming communities for all — especially children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese supports this through training, resources, and new initiatives like online check-ins for visiting clergy. We're also developing child-friendly online tools, and other initiatives that align with our Diocesan Pastoral Plan to support safer communities. Learn more: [parracatholic.org/safeguarding](http://parracatholic.org/safeguarding)

## FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA: 11-13 JUNE

Join St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie in celebrating the Feast of St Anthony of Padua. There will be 9:30am and 7pm Triduum Masses, Novena, blessing of the Sick (11 June), Blessing of the Children (12 June), and a candlelight procession (13 June). All welcome.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

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

## Laudato Si: Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor - Travel smarter.

Transportation is the second largest source of carbon emissions in Australia. No matter where you live, travel by car or airplane contributes heavily to our shared carbon footprint. Take public transit, biking, or walking when possible – it's good for your health, your wallet, and the planet.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

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 is Sunday, 14th June. 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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## CCR & EMMAUS PRAYER COMMUNITY PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS: 8 JUNE

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes this Sunday 8 June from 2pm. There will be prayer, praise, testimonies, talks, and prayer ministry, based on the theme of "HOPE - Opening our hearts & minds to the presence of the Holy Spirit in Times of Change." Enquiries Adrian 0408649327 or Desiree 047765772.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: NAIDOC WEEK EVENT – WHALAN RESERVE – 10 JULY

On 10 July, the annual Mt Druitt NAIDOC Week Event will be co-hosted by Holy Family Parish Emerton, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and Blacktown City Council at Whalan Reserve. They are seeking volunteers from parishes and organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta. If you are interested in supporting this amazing celebration of Aboriginal culture, community and resilience, please visit [parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025](http://parracatholic.org/events/naidoc-week-2025) for more details.

## 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. Register via [parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan](http://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan).

## "SHAPING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD" BY PROF LEO LEFEBURE

How can religious and interreligious leaders work with political and cultural leaders in shaping a constructive culture of encounter? Georgetown University professor and author Leo Lefebure will explore this question in the areas of Aesthetics, Academic Sharing, Spiritual Encounter, Concern for the World, and Friendship. Please join them for this free talk by Prof Leo Lefebure, from Georgetown University, Washington, at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 26 June at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. Register via [events.humanitix.com/leo-lefebure-multifaith-event](https://events.humanitix.com/leo-lefebure-multifaith-event)

## 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.*