



Sunday, 10th August, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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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

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

THE SICK: Hilary Heaton, Liliana Cugola, Andrew Halmarick, Joseph Keece, Sue Ferguson, Kim Armstrong, Thomas Cook, Natalie De Maria, Peter Aw, Abraham Concepcion, Lilian Davidson, Delia Hipolito, Mark Cheeseman, Barbara Heaton, Edna Esmero, Gary Bailey, Ken Sunderland, Helene Graham, Pat McAppion, Ace Sortisas, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Lolita Linco.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Victor Viskovich, Dominic Surace.

ANNIVERSARY:

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation) takes place this Friday, 15th August. Two Masses will be held on this day: the first at **9.15am** at which the whole of Christ the King School will attend. The second will be in the evening at **7.30pm**.



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: Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2,8-19, Lk 12:32-48

Next Week's Readings: Jer 38:4-6,8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53

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.

9th & 10th August- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Sue Hales	Ron Ruskin	Ministers needed	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Caroline Thurairatnam Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Danielle Dona Rob Haddad	Thomas Sissons	Marea Mooney

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

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

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: Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Barbara Craft, Steve Frare

16th & 17th August- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Dominic Choi	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Sabena Peterson, Erica Rheinberger

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, Mario Azzopardi, Jecy Vaz

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: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group

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, 15th August so spread the word!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT



We welcome the children who have registered for the 2025 Confirmation Sacramental Program who will be liturgically enrolled in the program this weekend. A reminder also that the first lesson will take place in the Parish Hall this Wednesday, 13th August at 7.30pm. This lesson is for both parent and child. It is essential that the children attend with at least one parent. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for a legitimate reason.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 10th September celebrated by Fr Wim Hoekstra EV, commencing at 7.30pm.

SUNDAY SESSION TONIGHT - AUGUST 10

Professor Philip Newall is to give a presentation on his continuing project of Working with the Deaf in Samoa. Professor Newall presented a Sunday Session in 2024 and it was very warmly received as both informing and enriching. To be held in the Burton Centre (old presbytery) at 7.00pm this Sunday, 10 August. 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.

CONNECT 2025



The next Connect Meeting will be this Thursday, August 14 at 10am. Bridge players will have the opportunity to catch up with some missed games and also to play more comfortably with newly purchased Bridge accessories and equipment. Morning tea and an opportunity to chat will be available as usual. We will also try out our latest specialised acquisitions for knitters and crocheters who have difficulties managing traditional needles. Everybody is welcome!

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 28 at 10am. The August book is 'The rising tide' by Anne Cleaves.

Please contact us if transport is needed for any gathering: Terri 0407294332 email mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au, Vivien 0413027507 email vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412 email dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be conferred during the Saturday morning Mass beginning at 9am next Saturday, 16 August. The sick and the elderly are warmly invited to attend this Mass and receive the Sacrament.

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 or 0460 037 795. Registrations close 19 August, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

SHARING OUR STORY

Sharing Our Story is a small group program offered at Christ the King. It provides a safe and welcoming context for people to reflect on their life and faith in the light of the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday. Sharing Our Story is open to everyone. The program is conducted in the Burton Centre on the third Wednesday of each month from February to November from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The next session is Wednesday, August 20. For more information email Mariana Tomasovic: mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com or Deacon John Collins: john.collins@parracatholic.org.

NOËL! NOËL! AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

General tickets are now available for the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra's much-loved Noël! Noël! concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Join them for an unforgettable evening of festive music in our beautiful cathedral on Tuesday 16 December, at 7.30pm. Tickets will sell quickly, so grab yours today by visiting <https://www.brandenburg.com.au/live-concerts/events/noel-noel-2025/>

Laudato Si: Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor

Scientists and many governments agree that we are facing an environmental crisis; we are losing species at a rate 1,000 times greater than at any other time in recorded human history. We depend on healthy ecosystems and biodiversity for survival. It is urgent that we limit global warming to prevent further loss of species.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, warmly invites you to join him for the First Anniversary of the [Diocesan Pastoral Plan](#) – a moment to give thanks for the first steps on this journey together. The Thanksgiving Mass and Gathering will take place this Thursday, 14 August at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the Cloister Hall. If you're attending the lunch gathering, please [RSVP via our events page](#) for catering purposes. Please also advise of any special dietary requirements when you register.

RESPONDING IN MERCY – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: 10 SEPTEMBER AND 5 NOVEMBER

The Mercy Futures team is privileged to present Sr Áine Barrins RSM, from Ireland, who will be joining them in Parramatta to share her invaluable insights into *Catherine McAuley, Woman of Hope*. This is an unprecedented two-part presentation which will take place over two sessions – 10 September and 5 November. Come along and be part of this unique presentation. Both these sessions will also be livestreamed, and the link will be provided closer to the date. Please RSVP to mercyfuture@parrasom.org.au by 3 September (part 1) or 29 October (part 2).

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2025: 23 & 26 AUGUST

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enroll, please contact the Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 August.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PRAYER FOR GAZA

On a daily basis, we are all hearing reports of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza that has claimed over 58,000 lives to date, with tens of thousands more wounded or missing under rubble. Caritas is calling for an immediate ceasefire. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace." Caritas Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.



NORTH ROCKS PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE - Saturday 30 August 10am – 4pm

Mark your calendars for Saturday 30 August and get ready for a fun-filled day of community, colour, and excitement from 10am to 4pm. This year, they're bringing the magic of the circus to life once again with spectacular entertainment, thrilling rides, delicious food, and activities for all ages.

BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH COMMUNITY FETE: 21 SEPTEMBER

Join the Baulkham Hills Parish for their Community Fete on Sunday, 21 September from 10am-4pm, at St Michael's Primary School, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. There will be delicious food, music, entertainment, games and activities for all!

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.hpoint.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.