



Sunday, 7th September, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

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: 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, Jill Wulf, 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: Destyn McAuliffe (Campbell).

ANNIVERSARY: Fr Eric Burton, Mary Thompson.

FATHER'S DAY

A Blessing Prayer for all the significant men
in our lives

*God our Father, we give you thanks and
praise for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing
their vocation; May they find the courage
and perseverance to balance work, family
and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for our own fathers, who have
supported and challenged us; May they
continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering; May
they know that the God of compassion walks
with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but
still mentor and guide us with fatherly love
and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers and
great-grandfathers who are no longer with
us but who live forever in our memory and
nourish us with their love.*

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.

This Week's Readings: Wis 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10, 12-17, Lk 14:25-33

Next Week's Readings: Num 21:4-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17

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.

6th & 7th September- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Keith Henson	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, Barbara Craft, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP 1: Tony Clancy, John Lacey, Roger Brewer

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Barbara Haddad

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

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

13th & 14th September- The Exaltation of the Cross

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Wilma Fernandes Liza Jilesh	Dominic Choi	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Mario Azzopardi, Deirdre Lee

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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 is Friday, 19th September so spread the word!

FATHERS DAY APPEAL TODAY

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously via the envelopes that are located on your seats today.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Go family, Loren and Jamie and their son Lucien. May Lucien's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless his parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 23 of our parish children in a ceremony officiated by Fr Wim Hoekstra this Wednesday, 10th September at 7.30pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards this important event in their spiritual life. Next weekend these children, at one of the three parish Masses they have chosen, will be presented in the community with a certificate of remembrance of this occasion. Parents are reminded, if they cannot attend the Mass that they have chosen, to notify the parish office by Friday 12 September.

SIGNS OF HOPE ON THE EDGE: SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2025-2026

Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter, or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need.

This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46–52*), we are called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship.

The statement shares powerful stories of real people. Read it here: <https://bit.ly/SJS2025-26>



CONNECT 2025

The next Bookclub meeting will be Thursday, 25th September from 10am in the Burton Centre. If you have read 'Mao's Last Dance' you may also enjoy our September book, 'Mary's Last Dance' which was written by Li Cunxin's Australian wife, Mary Li.

Our next CTK Connect meeting, with Bridge, crafts and morning tea will take place this Thursday September 11 at 10am in the Burton Centre. Everyone is welcome!

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

MASS FOR MUSICIANS: 24 SEPTEMBER

All those involved in Music Ministry across the Diocese are invited to attend a Mass for Musicians on Wednesday, 24 September, 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta celebrated by Bishop Vincent. Please arrive at 7pm to be seated by 7:15pm. To register your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing, please RSVP via ofw.parracatholic.org by Friday, 19 September. If you are unable to register via the form, please call 0460 037 795.

SELF-CARE IN THE HEALTHCARE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

To be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 13th September from 9:30am to 12:00 noon. This is an important topic for all those involved in caring for others, in order to avoid burn-out. Enquiries and Registration for the session to michael.tan@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

The latest FREE edition is available from the Church foyer. Take a copy home with you today.

Season of Creation: Peace with Creation - The garden of Peace Symbol The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled "Garden of Peace," it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

URGENT CALL FROM JRS FOODBANK

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia is supporting close to 200 families a week. With the rising cost of living, many are struggling to have enough food and essential items to meet their family's weekly needs. Any and all support would be greatly appreciated. To help keep everyone fed, we are asking parishioners to donate: Red kidney beans, Black beans, 4 bean mix, Cannellini beans, Chickpeas, Lentils, Corn, Canned fruit, Canned vegies, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Sweet Biscuits, Instant noodles, Shampoo & conditioner, Dry red lentils & dry chickpeas. These goods will be taken down to the JRS Centre each week for distribution to the needy.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH THROUGH RETURN AND EARN!

Have you registered to support our parish through the Return & Earn initiative? We hope to raise funds to repair the church roof and to help the environment!

1. Download the Return & Earn app for iPhone or Android. You will need to register on the app with your name.
2. Click on charities then search for Christ the King. The title is Church Roof.
3. Select "SET AS PAYOUT" to set us up as your preferred payout method.
4. Scan the barcode in the app at your local Return & Earn machine.
5. Return your containers and press "TRANSFER" on the screen.

Please contact Sarah Cook should you be having any trouble with the app: scook@parra.catholic.edu.au



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

You are warmly invited to attend the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held Sunday 26th October at the new time of 2pm. Please join them for 2pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta celebrated by Bishop Vincent followed by afternoon tea at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending to marriage@parracatholic.org by 15th October. Family and friends are welcome.

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.

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.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.