



Sunday, 21st September, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

Parish Address:

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

THE SICK: Hilary Heaton, Jill Wulf, Glen Godbier, 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: Dragica Bozanic (funeral Friday 26 Sept at 10.30), Margaret Friery (funeral Thursday, 25 Sept at 10.30), Bishop Patrick Power (Canberra Diocese).

ANNIVERSARY: Sam Bietola.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.



COLA AREA CLOSED FOR PARKING

Unfortunately, due to water damage to the asphalt surface and a number of large potholes under the COLA (covered outdoor learning area), this area temporarily cannot be utilised for car parking. For safety reasons we have to close this area. We will however open the gates to Bowral St & Burradoo Close to allow people to enter through the school grounds to the Church.

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: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Tim 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13
 Next Week's Readings: Amos 6:1,4-7, 1 Tim 6:11-16, Lk 16:19-31

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.

20th & 21st September- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Kath Patterson	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Rob Haddad Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

27th & 28th September- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Frank Gelonesi	Sue DeCourcy	Dawn Peat	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Jennie Mater Anne Gately	Levi Brown	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Barbara Craft, Jim Kinsella

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group, Maria Ellis

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, 3rd October so spread the word!

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

A meeting will take place on Wednesday, 22nd October beginning at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall for parents/guardians (not children) wishing to enroll their children in the First Reconciliation Program. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above. First Reconciliation is a prerequisite for children to undertake the other two sacraments of initiation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Information regarding the sacramental program and enrolment will be explained on that evening. It is essential that parents attend this meeting.

THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$3,000 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please give through parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal.



CONNECT 2025

Our last CTK Connect meeting, with Bridge, chats and morning tea was enjoyed by an impressive number of community members. We look forward to our next meeting on October 9 which will also include 'Fun with Printmaking', generously organised by Trish Yates. Everyone is welcome.

The next Bookclub meeting will be this 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. A few copies are currently available from the Parish Office. Again, 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Copies of the 2025 Social Justice Statement, *Signs of Hope on the Edges*, are available from the church foyer.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING FORMATION: 8 NOVEMBER

Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 8 November from 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 3 Nov, please contact the Office for Worship Team OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

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 at 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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK

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

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES FUNDRAISING DINNER: 10 OCTOBER

You are invited to join Jesuit Refugee Service Australia for a night of faith, fellowship and hope at their annual fundraiser, An Evening of Hope, on Friday, 10 October at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. The evening will begin at 6pm with Mass, followed by dinner, enjoying an inspiring program of raffles, entertainment, and heartfelt stories all in support of JRS's mission to accompany, serve, and advocate for those forced to flee. Tickets are \$160 per person or \$1,200 for a table of 8. Reserve your place and purchase your ticket here: JRS Australia 2025 Fundraiser Dinner- An Evening of Hope.

Season of Creation: Peace with Creation

Isaiah 32:14–18. The fortress will be abandoned. The noisy city will be empty. Strong cities and watchtowers will become empty fields forever. Donkeys will enjoy being there. Flocks will eat there. This will continue until God gives us his Spirit from above. Then the desert will become rich farmland. The farmland will be like thick forests. Justice will be found even in the desert. Fairness will be found in the farmland. That fairness will bring peace. It will bring calm and safety forever. God's people will live in peaceful places. They will live in safe homes. They will be calm and rest.

GIVE TO 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: Basmati rice, Cooking or olive oil, Long life milk, Deodorant, Men's shavers, Dried red lentils, Laundry detergent. These goods will be taken down to the JRS Centre each week for distribution to the needy.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP: 25 SEPTEMBER

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals in our Diocese via the Camillian Hospital chaplains. The craft evening will be held on Thursday 25 September from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/rosary-beads-workshop-25-september/>

DESIGN OUR NEXT CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE FRONT COVER

You are invited to design the front cover of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine's* Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November with a short description of your artwork via parracatholic.org/artcomp.

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.



BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH COMMUNITY FETE TODAY: 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!

KELLYVILLE PARISH MARIAN PROCESSION: 11 OCTOBER

To celebrate their patronal feast day, the youth of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, are organising a Marian procession on Saturday 11 October. Mass begins at 6pm, followed by a procession to the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. All are welcome to join the parish as they gather again to pray through the intercession of Mary.

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.