



Sunday, 28th September, 2025
TWENTY-SIXTH 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
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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, Jill Wulf, Glen Godbier (brother-in-law of Susan Doyle), 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, Margaret Friery, Judith Hawkins (sister of John Coakley), Charles La Hood.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Cook, Danny Hill, Annabel Snaith, Joan Flanagan.

DECEASED: Geronimo, Jovita & Rodney Jayatilaka.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.



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 6:1,4-7, 1 Tim 6:11-16, Lk 16:19-31
 Next Week's Readings: Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4, 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14, Lk 17:5-9

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Frank Gelonesi	Sue DeCourcy	Dawn Peat John DeCourcy	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: School holidays

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

4th & 5th October- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Sue Hales	Phil Trainor	Dawn Peat John De Courcy	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Rosemary Wickham	Caroline Thurairatnam Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Christine Kinsella

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, Deirdre Lee, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Lou Howitt, Paul Cook, Frances Gallagher, Mehdi Zolfaghari

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!

EYE SURGERY

Father Ian will be undertaking eye surgery to remove cataracts on 1 October and 14 October. Post surgery he will need some time to recover. During his absence on weekdays, there will be communion services held, and on the 2 weekends after the procedures, Father John Goulding and Msgr John Boyle will celebrate the Eucharist. He hopes to return with his vision renewed!

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.

MINISTRY OF READERS

At the 8.00am Mass this weekend, certificates will be given to our new readers, Mark and Julie Bonney and Deirdre Lee, who have completed a course for Ministry of Readers. We congratulate them on their achievement.

CONNECT 2025



'Mary's Last Dance' by Mary Li sparked lively and entertaining discussion at last Thursday's Book Club Meeting. A few copies of our next book, 'The Dictionary of Lost Words' by Pip Williams, are currently available from the Parish Office. The next Book Club meeting will be on October 23. Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to our next Connect meeting on October 9 at 10am in the Burton Centre (previously the Parish Presbytery). This gathering will also include 'Fun with Printmaking and Card Making' generously organised by our talented Trish Yates. Again everyone is welcome. Bridge, morning tea and chats will also be on offer.

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

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.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL - REFLECTION MORNING AT HUNTERS HILL

Enjoy the last Catalyst for Renewal program for 2025 on Saturday, 4th October with Fr David Orr at Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The topic is 'Why has the liturgical renewal not used the focus of synodality in its call for participation?' All welcome. Tea & coffee provided. Enquiries: Carole 9896 1036 or Michelle 9958 5963.

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2026 Columban Calendars are now available from the Church foyer at a cost of \$10 each.



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.

Season of Creation: Peace with Creation Raising Hope Together is a meeting of leaders from the realms of faith, movements, science and policy who will reflect on the impact of Laudato Si and the most effective actions we can take now. To be held on the 2 - 3 October (European time), the recording can be found here. As it takes place at the end of the Season of Creation, the conference becomes a prophetic sign of unity and care. Inspired by St Francis, we seek paths of ecological conversion for the present and the future.

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.

BACK TO BASICS SERVING AT THE ALTAR WORKSHOP: 11 OCTOBER

Back by popular demand is the 'Back to Basics' Seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) who missed the last sessions and those who would like to attend again. This seminar will occur on Saturday 11 October from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 7 October via <https://parracatholic.org/events/serving-at-the-altar-workshop/>. Contact the Office for Worship team for more info: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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 November, please contact the Office for Worship Team OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

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](#).

MERCY WORKS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: 23 OCTOBER

Mercy Works, the development arm of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with an evening of inspiration, storytelling and connection on Thursday 23 October at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall from 5pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$60 per person. Please RSVP by 12 October or while tickets last by visiting <https://events.humanitix.com/mercy-works-25th-anniversary-celebration-and-fundraiser>. For more information, contact MercyWorks on 9564 1911 or visit mercyworks.org.au.

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.