



Sunday, 12th October, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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, 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: Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

COLA AREA CLOSED FOR PARKING

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 and has been closed. The gates to Bowral St & Burradoo Close are open 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: 2 Kg 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19

Next Week's Readings: Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tim 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8

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.

11th & 12th October- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Liza Jilesh	Tiana Fernandes	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 5: Margaret Isaac & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: John & Sue DeCourcy, Chris Poole, Mario Azzopardi

18th & 19th October- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Kath Paterson	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Tony Hughes Caroline Thurairatnam	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Danielle Dona	Thomas Sissons	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Mario Azzopardi, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

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 October date is cancelled so the following gathering is Friday, 7th November, 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, next weekend after the second procedure, 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.



CONNECT 2025

Our last Connect meeting on October 9 included 'Fun with Printmaking and Card Making' generously organised by our talented Trish Yates. Thank you Trish for an exciting and productive session and for your patience in teaching us new skills.

A few copies of this month's book, 'The Dictionary of Lost Words' by Pip Williams, are currently available from Parish Reception. The next Book Club meeting will be on October 23 at 10am in the Burton Centre (previously the Parish Presbytery). 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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT

A series of presentations, seminars, workshops, discussions and stories designed to invite adults 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 TONIGHT, Sunday, 12th October and the topic is "Images of Religion in Australian Art". The presentation by Deacon John will introduce some of the images chosen by Sr Rosemary Crumlin RSM in her 1988 book *"Images of Religion in Australian Art"* to explore the role of Religion in Australian culture. No artistic expertise is needed to view, appreciate and discuss the rich range of images that will be presented on the large screen in the Burton Centre. All are welcome. A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome. For more information contact Deacon John Collins through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

MISSIONARIES OF
HOPE

among all peoples



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



THE PROMISE - ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS

Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with *The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025*—a beautifully presented book of daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 November) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January 2026). Each page offers insights through daily Scripture-based meditations and contemplative prayers that invite you to recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and to live in joyful anticipation of his coming. The books are available from the church foyer with a suggested donation of \$5 for those who are able to give. Please put the money in the Communication Box in the church foyer.



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.

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. For more information and to register before 3 Nov, please contact the Office for Worship Team OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

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 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.

WINSTON HILLS PARISH SEVEN SURPRISES OF THE EUCHARIST PRESENTATION: 30 OCTOBER

St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills, is pleased to announce the next event in its 'Faith Seeking Understanding' series. Dr Robert Haddad will present on the topic "Seven Surprises of the Eucharist" on Thursday 30 October at 7.45pm, with optional Mass at 7pm. All are welcome to attend and there is no need to RSVP. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9639 6516 or email winstonhills@parracatholic.org.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

You are warmly invited to attend the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held next Sunday 26th October at 2pm. Please join them for 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.

Season of Creation: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - Reduce, reuse, and recycle is all about minimising the amount of waste we produce. Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space. Did you know that you can take your old, used or broken pens and textas to Officeworks for recycling?

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.