



# Sunday, 16th November, 2025

## THIRTY-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](http://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, Krzysiek Misiniec, 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 McAppin, Lolita Linco.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pamela Missio (funeral Friday 21 at 10.30), Sandy Sinclair, Edna Kennedy.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Peter Reiter, Br Ray Dowding.

**During November, names of the deceased will be found in the Book of Remembrance in front of the altar.**

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this end-time with patient endurance of difficulties.

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

An end-of-year celebration, to express our gratitude for the service you do throughout the year, will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 3rd December commencing at 7.30pm. This celebration is for all parishioners who have helped in any way in the Parish during the year. To help with catering, please RSVP to <https://forms.gle/CtbtAu4ugXQzbPPU9> or fill in your details on the reply sheets in the church foyer.



## 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: Mal 3:19-20, 2 Thess 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19

Next Week's Readings: 2 Sam 5:1-3, Col 1:12-20, Lk 23:35-43

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://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](mailto: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.*

### 15th & 16th November- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Frank Gelonesi	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Caroline Thurairatnam Mark Bonney	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Rob Haddad Arthur Rizk	Thomas Sissons	Margaret Coakley

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Lorraine Murphy, Barbara Craft, Deirdre Lee

**COUNTER GROUP:** 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1:** Leslie Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

### 22nd & 23rd November- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Sue Hales	Phil Trainor	Georgette Rissmiller Dawn Peat	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Levi Brown	Jecy Vaz

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin

**COUNTER GROUP:** 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

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

### 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 on this Friday, 21st November, so spread the word!

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The parish celebrates its patronal feast day next weekend. All parishioners are invited to attend the 5:30pm Mass Saturday evening, 22 November at which Bishop Vincent will preside. After Mass we will share food and beverages. It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate of deserts/sweets/cakes to share.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

This weekend we will distribute the 35 enrolment cards of the children preparing for First Reconciliation to parishioners and invite them to pray for the children and their families. By now all parents should be working with their children over the next three weeks on lessons 2, 3 and 4. First Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 9 December and Wednesday 10 December between 3.30 and 5pm. At all Masses on the weekend of the 13/14 December they will be presented with their certificates.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY PLAY - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 5.30PM

As Christmas season approaches, we warmly invite your children to participate in our Christmas Eve Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to share their joy and spirit through performing a simple play during this special celebration.

Children must commit to attending Sunday 10.00am Mass during December when we will practice.

Contact Sarah Cook for more information at [scook@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scook@parra.catholic.edu.au).



## FR TREVOR HIRD

Fr Trevor will kindly preside at Mass this Saturday evening as Fr Ian will be celebrating a wedding at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. We wish Fr Trevor a Happy Birthday for this coming Monday (17 November) as he celebrates his 74th birthday. May he feel at home among us.

## NOVEMBER MASSES

St Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." For this reason, parishioners are invited to put the names of your deceased loved ones on the card provided on the table at the right side of the sanctuary and place their memorial card on the board set aside as a memorial wall during the month of November. The daily Mass will be held for their intentions. Envelopes are available to commemorate the memory of your loved one at Mass, and their name will be placed in the Memorial Book during November.

## CHANGE TO VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



In past years the Christ the King parishioners have been extremely generous supplying us with food and toys for our Christmas Hampers for disadvantaged families in our area. This year, instead of food and toys, we are asking parishioners to provide us with Gift Cards for the families we assist.

The first reason for this change is that we receive more food than we need from the schools in the area.

The second reason is that we want the parents of the families we assist to be able to choose the presents for their children. We will be collecting the Gift Cards from Saturday, 22nd November to Sunday, 7th December. There will be two specially marked boxes at the entrance of the Church.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

Vinnies Christmas Cards are also available at a cost of \$7 per packet. Please place card money in the Vinnies box.

## CONNECT 2025

Many thanks to guest speaker Phoebe Gainsford, from Macquarie University Health who presented a valuable and informative session on 'Fall Prevention' last Thursday. The meeting also provided a good opportunity to celebrate our first Anniversary as a community group with a Devonshire morning tea.

The next Book Club meeting will be on November 27 at 10am to discuss Richard Osman's 'The Thursday Murder Club'. Please contact us if transport is needed for any gathering: Terri 0407294332 email [mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au),

Vivien 0413027507 email [vivien.brewer@gmail.com](mailto:vivien.brewer@gmail.com) or Marianne 0418641412 email [dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com](mailto:dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com).



## 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 book of daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord. 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.

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This Sunday is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world.

## 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.

## SHARING OUR STORY

Sharing Our Story is a small group program which 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. The program is conducted in the Burton Centre on the third Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00pm. The next session is Wednesday, Nov 19. For more information email Mariana: [mariana\\_tomasovic@hotmail.com](mailto:mariana_tomasovic@hotmail.com) or Deacon John: [john.collins@parracatholic.org](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

**Season of Creation: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor** - National Recycling Week (10-16 November 2025). Thank you for helping us keep valuable materials in circulation and out of landfill by recycling your bottles, cans and cartons through Return and Earn. All 10c containers returned are sold to recyclers, where they are recycled into new drink containers and other useful products.

## BAULKHAM HILLS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: 25 DECEMBER

The Parish of Baulkham Hills is hosting a Christmas Lunch for anyone who will be on their own on Christmas Day. You may be in town for a visit, or just moved into the area, or may simply be unable to share Christmas Day with your loved ones. So come and share it with us. It will be held on Thursday 25 December in and around the St Michael's Primary School hall, and everyone is welcome, families and individuals. But places are limited, so you will need to register to attend. For more information, contact the parish office on 9639 0598 or email [baulkhamhills@parracatholic.org](mailto:baulkhamhills@parracatholic.org).

## PARRAMATTA STREET FEAST: 19 NOVEMBER

You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast on 19 November from 11am–3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer or by hosting an activity table. Find out more at [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast).

## 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](mailto: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](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.*