



Sunday, 9th November, 2025

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Frances Gallagher
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm

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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, Krzysiek Misinic, 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: Joseph Gelonesi.

ANNIVERSARY: Madeleine Snaith, Dorothy Revelman, Philip Sandajaja

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 temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God.

Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

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: Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12, 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17, Jn 2:13-22

Next Week's Readings: mal 3:19-20, 2 Thess 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19

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.

8th & 9th November- Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Keith Henson	Georgette Rissmiller Dawn Peat	Miriam Chacty	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Wilma Fernandes Tiana Fernandes	Dominic Choi	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Lorraine Murphy, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK Mum's Group, Maria Ellis

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 Tony Hughes	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

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 Friday, 21st November, so spread the word!

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

We welcome the 35 children who have registered for the First Reconciliation program and their families. These children will be enrolled in a liturgical ceremony at all Masses this weekend. The first session for children with parents will take place this Wednesday, 12 November in MacKillop Hall beginning at 7:30pm. If for a legitimate reason families cannot attend this session, please notify the parish office before Wednesday evening. Next weekend we will ask parishioners to pray for these children and their families by taking home an enrolment card with the child's name and pray for them during the program. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on 9 and 10 December.

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.



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.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Our patronal feast will take place on 22/23 November this year. Bishop Vincent has kindly agreed to preside at the Saturday evening Mass on 22 November at 5:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and celebrate our parish feast day with the Bishop. Afterwards we will share food and refreshments in the hall. Donations of slices or cake would be appreciated.



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

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



SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION TONIGHT

"St John Henry Newman: Doctor of the Church". On July 31, 2025 Pope Leo XIV, announced that Saint John Henry Newman would be named a Doctor of the Church. The Sunday Session will briefly address what a Doctor of the Church is, outline the life of St John Henry Newman and introduce Newman's idea of the 'Development of Doctrine'. Begins at 7:00pm and finishes at 8:30pm TONIGHT, Sunday, 9th November and is held in the Burton Centre. Everyone 16 and over is welcome to participate. A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome. For more information, or if you would like to assist with organizing these sessions, contact Deacon John Collins through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

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 through to the Baptism of the Lord. 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.

CONNECT 2025



Our next Connect meeting will be this Thursday, November 13 at 10am in the Burton Centre. A guest speaker from Macquarie University Health, Phoebe Gainsford, will be addressing the topic of 'Safety and avoiding falls'. We will also be celebrating our first Anniversary as a community group with a

Devonshire morning tea. Everyone is welcome.

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,

Vivien 0413027507 email vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412 email dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com

Season of Creation: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor - This month, as we honour All Saints' and All Souls' Days, we are reminded that our faith calls us not only to prayer but to action. We are invited to walk in the footsteps of those who lived as true witnesses of God's love — caring for the vulnerable, advocating for justice, and protecting our common home.

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 or Deacon John: john.collins@parracatholic.org

MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: 12 NOVEMBER

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Wednesday 12 November at 9:15am at Holy Name of Mary Parish, Rydalmere, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Rookwood Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ. We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests and deacons who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

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.