



Sunday, 28th December, 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Year A



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Priest-in-Residence: Rev Trevor Hird
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, Doone & Mark Ford, 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, Lolita Linco.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Meagher, Joyce Petkovich.



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

All of the major themes found in today's readings highlight the relational character of family life. In Sirach some of the dynamics of family living and responsibility as exercised in the ancient world unfold before our eyes. The rewards of faithfully observing these family codes are showcased in the responsorial Psalm. Paul directs our attention to the manner of relational living to which we are summoned as members of the family of God, a manner of living that flows from the bond of perfection that unites us. The gospel narrative paints a picture of a family that follows the directives of God.

So much has been said recently about family values. But what exactly are they? The specifics of family customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but it seems that the values out of which they emerge and that inform them are not. They include mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children, and between the young and the old.

Mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family as well. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. It may be more challenging to live out these values within the church, for those who are called to put on Christ, bearing with one another in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience must relate in this way with people who may be strangers.



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: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23

Next Week's Readings: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3,5-6, Mt 2:1-12

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 December- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Frank Gelonesi	Lance Parker	Kerry Saad Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Arthur Rizk Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Aubon Fernando	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Thomas Sissons	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 7: Ada Cheung

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

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

3rd & 4th January 2026- The Epiphany of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Keith Henson	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Danielle Dona Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays

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

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 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 Friday, 6th February, so spread the word!

THANK YOU FROM JRS FOODBANK

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank Christ the King North Rocks Parish for your generous support of the JRS Australia Foodbank this Advent.

Thanks to your kindness, we have been able to provide food, essentials and gift cards to over 150 families during a time of year that can be especially difficult for many. Your generosity has made a real and tangible difference.

I look forward to working alongside you again next year!

I wish you and your loved ones a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Kristen Lazarus

Schools and Community Engagement Officer

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia

CONNECT 2025



The Book Club will return on the 15th January 2026 and the Connect Group on the 12th February.

Watch this space for details of upcoming events. For information please contact Terri 0407294332

email mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au, Vivien 0413027507

email dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com.

email vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2026 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org. Registrations close 23rd January 2026 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK -11 FEBRUARY 2026

Join us for the annual World Day of the Sick Mass, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to be held at 11am on 11 February 2026 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying, as well as health care professionals. To register please email ofw@parracatholic.org or contact 0460 037 795.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH THROUGH RETURN AND EARN!

Have you registered to support our parish through the Return & Earn initiative? We hope to raise funds to repair the church roof and to help the environment!

1. Download the Return & Earn app for iPhone or Android. You will need to register on the app with your name.
2. Click on charities then search for Christ the King. The title is Church Roof.
3. Select "SET AS PAYOUT" to set us up as your preferred payout method.
4. Scan the barcode in the app at your local Return & Earn machine.
5. Return your containers and press "TRANSFER" on the screen

Please contact me should you be having any trouble with the app scook@parra.catholic.edu.au



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK AVAILABLE

The Advent & Christmas edition of the Catholic Outlook is available for free from the church foyer. This edition features Bishop Vincent's Christmas message, the migrant Jubilee Cross Pilgrimage, a thank you to our departing school principals plus a complete list of Christmas Mass times across the Diocese.

ONLINE GIVING

Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access.

Please call the Parish Office for the BSB and Account number for the Parish or DWF Account.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

The parish office will be closed from Christmas Day, 25th December until Monday, 5th January.

SING A NEW SONG MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN: 21 JANUARY

Do you have a child in Years 4 to 12? Invite them to come along to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. The workshop will be held on Wednesday 21 January from 9:30am to 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 25 January at 11am. To register, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/OURuFAeThA>

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAY PACKAGES IN JANUARY 2026

Encounter nature's beauty and connect with other Catholic families these summer holidays at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Central Coast. Enjoy a week-long holiday from Sunday 11 – Sunday 18 January while nourishing your mind and body with activities for the whole family. Packages start from \$170/day per adult and include accommodation, some meals and daily spiritual programs. Spaces are limited, so visit <https://mmsm.org.au/events/catholic-summer-family-holiday-packages/> for more information and to book your stay.

MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS VISITS THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

To mark the end of the Jubilee Year, the Vatican's Migrant Jubilee Cross will be visiting several parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta from 5-11 January which includes St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday 10th January. For one week, the Diocese of Parramatta will come alive with celebrations that recognise the faith, gifts and resilience of migrant communities who have enriched our parishes, schools and communities. Bring your friends and family to experience the Migrant Jubilee Cross Pilgrimage at a parish near you. Learn more at parracatholic.org/migrant-jubilee-cross.

BEQUESTS

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support. A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime. In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other Parish property or put the gift towards building a new church or refurbishing their existing one. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.

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.

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have changed your email address or now have an email address, could you please notify the Parish Office northrocks@parracatholic.org as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for the continual support of the parish and the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta.