



# Sunday, 18th January, 2026

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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](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:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151  
**Phone:** 9871 8710  
**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)  
**Website:** <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

#### **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, Lolita Linco.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patrick McAppion.

**DECEASED:** Guiseppina Cutrone, Beniamino Cutrone, Jimmy Cutrone, Elvira Cutrone, Carmelina Cutrone, George Cutrone Jnr.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either.

Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

#### ONLINE GIVING

Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. The BSB and Account number for the Parish Account can be found on the back page of this bulletin.



#### 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: Is 49:3,5-6, 1 Cor:1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34  
 Next Week's Readings: Is 8:23-9:3, 1 Cor:1:10-13,17, Mt 4:12-23

**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.*

### 17th & 18th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	Kath Patterson	Sue DeCourcy	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Liza Jilesh Sarah Cook	Thomas Sissons	Margaret Coakley

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** School holidays

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Lorraine Murphy, Deirdre Lee, Rosemary Wickham

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

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

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5:** Marc & Carmela Corazza, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

### 24th & 25th January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	George Germanos	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
<b>Sunday 8am</b>	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Volunteer needed	Caroline Thuraiatnam
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Rob Haddad Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Fadia Sleiman

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** School holidays

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham, Jecy Vaz

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2:** Ada Cheung

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6:** Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Barbara Craft, Steve Frare

### 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!

## PLEASE CONSIDER IN 2026

An invitation is extended to parishioners over the age of 18 to seriously consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council which assists the parish priest in administering the Parish. Our current Pastoral Council is looking for new members as some members have resigned due to infirmity or other commitments and others have been on the Council for a significant period of time. We particularly would like to see younger parishioners seriously consider taking up this role.

Father Ian is also seeking new members for the Parish Finance Committee to renew and replace existing members.

These are important ministries in our local Church so we ask all parishioners to reflect honestly on whether they can be of service to the Church in any of these roles to help build up the Body of Christ and to participate in decision-making. Anyone wishing to offer themselves for any of these positions or for further information can contact us via email at [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) or phone the parish office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

## SUNDAY SESSIONS - 8 FEBRUARY AND 8 MARCH

The first two Sunday Sessions for 2026 take up the topic of Aging Gracefully and Living Fruitfully.

The Oblate priest, Fr Ron Rolheiser has recently published a book called *Insane for the Light*. This book explores the spirituality of aging well and dying well. The Sunday sessions for February and March will provide an opportunity to reflect together on some key insights identified by Fr Rolheiser and what they might mean for you.

The sessions are open to people of all ages. For some people the topic is more immediate. For others, they may provide an opportunity to gain some insights into the spiritual concerns of those whom you love and perhaps care for. 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. 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](mailto:john.collins@parracatholic.org).

## CONNECT 2026

The Book Club will return this Thursday, 22nd January and the book this month, by author Jenny Jackson, is *Pineapple Street*. The Connect Group will recommence on the 12th February. Watch this space for details of upcoming events. For information please contact 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).



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE RETURNS IN 2026

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](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org). Registrations close 23rd January but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

## THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

Due to an ageing worshipping demography, our parish needs to renew membership of essential parish ministries. These include liturgical ministries: readers at Mass, special ministers of the Eucharist, Senior servers (acolytes), welcomers and ushers, musicians and cantors, as well as people to operate the computer for PowerPoint presentations. We also need assistance with the money counting, altar society and floral decorations, as well as Church cleaning and ministry to the sick. We particularly are in dire need for catechists to teach in our state schools.

These ministries are crucial to the life of the parish. Please consider taking on one of these roles to keep our Church alive. Don't think other people can do it. Our baptism calls each of us to participate actively in the life of our Church. Please consider joining one of these ministries and contact the parish office by phone on 9871 8710 or via email on [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org) to nominate where you can assist.

## SISTERS OF CHARITY HERITAGE CENTRE

The Centre is open to the public free of charge from 10am to 3pm Tuesday to Thursday at 1 Rockwell Crescent, Potts Point. Bookings recommended. Phone 9138 0835 or email [heritagecentre@rscoffice.com](mailto:heritagecentre@rscoffice.com).

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2026

The Sacrament of First Eucharist (Yr 4 and above) on 6/7 June.

The Sacrament of Confirmation (Yr 5 and above) on 9 September.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Yr 3 and above) on 8 & 9 December.

## 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.

## 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 the '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>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:scook@parra.catholic.edu.au)



## TAP TO GIVE

Our Parish has Tap to Give devices 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 devices, located in the Church Foyer, enable us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into the 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).

## 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](mailto: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.*