



Sunday, 25th January, 2026

THIRD 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

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, Lolita Linco.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dame Marie Bashir, Joyce Petkovich.

ANNIVERSARIES: Dominic Surace, Annie Lum.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds.

For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Australia Day Mass this Monday, 26 January will be celebrated at 9.00am in the parish.



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 8:23-9:3, 1 Cor:1:10-13,17, Mt 4:12-23
 Next Week's Readings: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Cor:1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12

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.

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

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Volunteer needed	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	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

31st January & 1st February - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Lance Parker	John DeCourcy Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Dominic Choi	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, John Lacey, Deirdre Lee

COUNTER GROUP 3: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Maria Ellis

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 or phone the parish office on 9871 8710 or speak to Fr Ian after Mass.

CONNECT 2026

The next Book Club meeting will take place on Thursday, 19th February and the book this month, by author Sue Williams, is *That Bligh Girl*, a fascinating story of Governor Bligh's trouble-making daughter, Mary. 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, Vivien 0413027507 email vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412 email dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com.



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.



THE JOURNEY HOME - DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Written by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge, this Lenten booklet has been created with both groups and individuals in mind. Each weekday includes a short scripture text and reflection, as well as some questions to provoke prayer and discussion. The booklet is available from the church foyer and a donation of \$5 is recommended. Please place the money in the Communication Box on the wall near the inner doors.

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 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.

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RED MASS: 3 FEBRUARY

Fr Robert Riedling, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, cordially invites members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass. Join them on Tuesday 3 February at 7pm. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please RSVP by Friday 30 January to enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or call 8839 8400.

RCIA MEETING

A meeting of the RCIA candidates and sponsors will take place on Thursday, 5th February at 7pm in the Burton Centre.

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



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 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.