



Sunday, 11th January, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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Phone: 9871 8710
Email: 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: Patricia Gardiner (wife of Graeme Gardiner).

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Magill.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.

For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.

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 42:1-4,6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Mt 3:13-17

Next Week's Readings: Is 49:3,5-6, 1 Cor:1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34

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.

10th & 11th January 2026- The Baptism of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Sue Hales	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Jim Kinsella	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Volunteer needed	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Tiana Fernandes Liza Jilesh	Volunteer needed	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Ryan Brown, Ejay Hwang

17th & 18th January 2026- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Kath Patterson	Sue DeCourcy	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	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

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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANK YOU

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of Christ the King Parish for your most generous donations of Gift Cards for our Christmas hampers. Your generosity allowed us to provide the parents with gift cards to purchase gifts for their children and we were also able to give all our other clients a gift card with their hamper to help brighten their Christmas.

We would also like to thank all who very generously contributed money to our Christmas Appeal at the Christmas Masses. This money helps us provide food and financial relief to the people we assist in our local area during the year.

CONNECT 2026

The Book Club will return on the 22nd January 2026 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, Vivien 0413027507 email vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412 email 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 for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or 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), welcome 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.

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

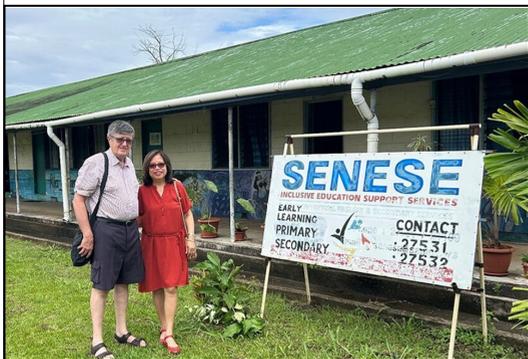


SING A NEW SONG MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN: 21 JANUARY

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 or contact 0460 037 795.



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.

THE WONDER OF SOUND

Parishioner Professor Philip Newall and his wife, Christy have visited Samoa 26 times, helping deliver the gift of sound to some 500 people. They are shown here outside the rooms donated by the Marist school in Apia.

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.

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.