



Sunday, 26th April, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Priest-in-Residence: Rev Fr 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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Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

THE SICK: Keith Henson, Mark Ford, Kerry & Bruce Wright, 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, Lolita Linco, Ken Sunderland, Helene Graham.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Leanne Kelly (funeral this Friday, 1st May at 10.30am), Stephen O'Regan, James Valentine.

DECEASED: Narciso, Conchita & Alma Pelayo.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

ANZAC DAY MASS

Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Anzac Day morning when the last post and ode of remembrance will be recited at the conclusion of Mass. All are welcome.



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: Acts 2:14,36-41, 1 Pet 2:20-25, Jn 10:1-10

Next Week's Readings: Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

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 phone 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.

25th & 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Dawn Peat	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Caroline Thuraiatnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Marea Mooney

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

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

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey & Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Maria Ellis

2nd & 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Kath Patterson	Ron Ruskin	Mary-Anne King Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Deirdre Lee Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Swedel Fernandes Arthur Rizk	Thomas Sissons	Margaret Coakley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Alyce Bertolisio

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

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

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Paul Cook, Lou Howitt, 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 \$10. All are welcome to join including people outside the parish and non-Catholics. The next gathering is this Friday, 1st May, so spread the word!

JRS MOTHER'S DAY VOUCHERS APPEAL

As in previous years, for Mother's Day, the Jesuit Refugee Society has provided the Mothers on our register with a small package including a gift voucher and once again is appealing for your support. We will be providing a voucher to the value of \$20 from Kmart and are seeking your support via either a voucher or with cash.

JRS will be collecting for this appeal at the Masses this weekend but should you wish to participate outside this time, you are able to leave any donations in the Collection Box marked "Mother's Day Appeal" in the Church foyer. Thank you again for your continued support.



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening in the Hall, which outlined the program for this year for children in Year 4 or above who have made their First Reconciliation. To register your child for the program, please go online at <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/>. Registration will close on Friday, 1st May. Resource materials can be collected from the parish office (not school office) from Monday 4 to Friday 8 May from 9am to 3pm. If you are unable to collect the materials during this time, please contact the parish office to arrange another mutually suitable time. A reminder that the children will be liturgically enrolled in the program at any one of the three weekend Masses: 9th (5:30pm) /10th May (8am & 10am). It is essential that the children attend one of these Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for some legitimate reason. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 6th (5:30pm) and 7th June (10am), fittingly on the feast of Corpus Christi. Please keep these families in your prayers.

PROJECT COMPASSION THANK YOU

A total of \$6671.00 has been sent to Caritas Australia for the support of Project Compassion this year. We thank you for your generous donations. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.



MASS COUNT

A National Count of Attendance at Mass for 2026 will take place over the first four weekends of May, commencing on the weekend of 2-3 May initiated by the Australian Catholic Bishops conference. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church. If anyone can assist in this process, please contact the parish office via phone or email.

CTK CONNECT



We are looking forward to having Monsignor John Boyle as guest speaker at our next CTK Connect meeting on Thursday 14 May. Monsignor John will talk about the history of Parramatta and the Church in our Diocese. Please contact us for information or if transport is needed for any event: Terri 0407294332 email mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au, Vivien 0413027507 email vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412 email dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com.

COLA CAR PARK

The asphaltting has been completed, and additional car parking will be available from this weekend. Please be considerate of others when parking as linemarking has not yet taken place.

SAFEGUARDING

We have been informed by the Diocese that our parish will be audited by an independent body regarding our commitment to protect children and vulnerable adults through mandatory training and an understanding of our obligations under the law. Our secretary, Frances, has been contacting parishioners in ministry to ensure their credentials are updated and they have signed the code of conduct policy. Please cooperate with her as soon as possible.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 24 MAY

On Pentecost Sunday we recognise the Church's birthday! The message of God's love has spread around the world through the work of the Holy Spirit. To celebrate, we're inviting everyone to share a meal together after the 10:00am Mass. We are asking for you to bring a plate of food from your family's culture or country of origin to share. You can team up with others from the same background to create a table of food from your country — or simply bring a favourite dish! We look forward to celebrating with you!

JEFF HOOD'S DIACONATE ORDINATION

Jeff Hood's ordination to the Diaconate will take place this Sunday evening the 26 April beginning at 6pm and the location will be St John XXIII Church 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens. All are welcome to attend.

GIVE TO JRS FOODBANK

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia is supporting close to 200 families a week. All support from the parish 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Sydney prepares for the Eucharistic Congress in 2028 with the hoped-for visit of Pope Leo XIV, the parish is looking to reintroduce Eucharistic adoration with time for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. A survey is being conducted to designate an appropriate time for this. Would parishioners please fill out this survey, choosing the more fitting time for them on this link: [Eucharistic Adoration Form](#). A form is also available on the table in the Church foyer to select your chosen time if this is more convenient.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY WITH CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join us in honouring Our Blessed Mother Mary during the month of May by praying the Rosary together as a school and Parish community for the first four Friday mornings in May.

Let us come together in faith, love and community to seek Mary's intercession and grow closer to Christ.

When: Friday May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22.

Time and Place: 8:15am at Christ the King Catholic Church

All members of the parish are warmly welcomed. Let's join together in this beautiful devotional prayer.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am to 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the costs. Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to ofw@parracatholic.org by Monday 18th August. Information: contact 0460 037 795.

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.