



# Sunday, 3rd May, 2026

## FIFTH 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](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

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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, Natalie Woods (niece of Guiselle Shepardonson).

**ANNIVERSARY:** William Lum.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

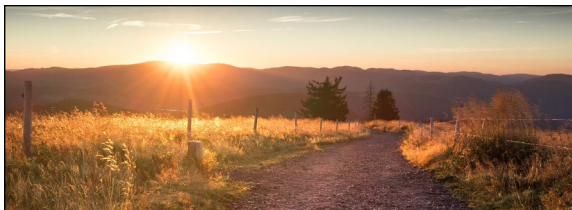
The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

## MASS COUNT

A National Count of Attendance at Mass for 2026 will take place over the first four weekends of May, commencing this weekend, 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.



## 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 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12  
Next Week's Readings: Acts 8:5-8,14-17, 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

**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 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.*

### 2nd & 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

|                 | Welcomer        | Acolyte      | Reader                       | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 5.30pm | Kath Patterson  | Ron Ruskin   | Mary-Anne King<br>Kerry Saad | Volunteer needed  | Maria Bietola        |
| Sunday 8am      | John Murphy     | Jim Kinsella | Deirdre Lee<br>Danielle Dona | Volunteer needed  | John Lacey           |
| Sunday 10am     | Rosanne Vaughan | Peter Hrast  | Arthur Rizk                  | Miriam Chacty     | Margaret Coakley     |

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Jim Kinsella, Ken Coorey, John Lacey

**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

### 9th & 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

|                 | Welcomer      | Acolyte      | Reader                                | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 5.30pm | Sue Hales     | Phil Trainor | Georgette Rissmiller<br>John DeCourcy | Miriam Chacty     | Gillian Mobbs        |
| Sunday 8am      | John Murphy   | Peter Bosci  | Deirdre Lee<br>Julie Elliott          | Jo-Anne Castaneda | Lorraine Murphy      |
| Sunday 10am     | Peter Elchaar | Peter Hrast  | Wilma Fernandes<br>Sarah Cook         | Thomas Sissons    | Marea Mooney         |

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

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

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

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8:** Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

**PIETY GROUP:** Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Ellen Vaughan

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3:** Sue & John DeCourcy, Chris Poole, Ken Coorey, 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 \$10. All are welcome to join including people outside the parish and non-Catholics. The next gathering is on Friday, 15th 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

Registration has closed for this program. Resource materials can be collected from the parish office (not school office) from this Monday 4 May 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 Masses next weekend 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. The next compulsory meeting of parents and children to begin the first session will take place in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 13 May. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of the 6th (5:30pm) /7th June (10am), fittingly on the feast of Corpus Christi.

## CTK CONNECT



We are looking forward to welcoming 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](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).

## 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 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.

## 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!

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

## WELCOMERS NEEDED

We need more parishioners who are happy to meet and greet people who come to the Church for either the Saturday Vigil or the Sunday Masses. If you would like to put your name on the roster for one of the Masses, please see Fr Ian or contact the Parish Office.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) by Monday 18th August. Information: contact 0460 037 795.

## MINISTRY OF CARE COURSES: 3-24 JUNE

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via [parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses](http://parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses) to reserve your spot. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Our Commitment to Safeguarding at Christ the King Parish: We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way." The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to... Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount

## 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](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.*