



Sunday, 10th May, 2026

SIXTH 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: Friday, 15th May
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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Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Elchaar, Reg Bonnici, Paul Aschmann, Tessie Bonney.



MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.
We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.
We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict;
May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.
We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.



MASS COUNT

A National Count of Attendance at Mass for 2026 is taking place over the first four weekends of May initiated by the Australian Catholic Bishops conference. Commencing. This will be the second week of the count. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church.



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 8:5-8,14-17, 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20

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.

9th & 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, 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

16th & 17th May - The Ascension of the Lord

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Frank Gelonesi	Sue DeCourcy	Kerry Saad Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Caroline Thurairatnam	Trish Yates	Rosemary Wickham
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Miriam Chacty	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Sabena Peterson, Mary Cook

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Deirdre Lee, Peter Bosci

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

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

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 this Friday, 15th May, so spread the word!



FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This weekend we welcome the 34 children and their families who will be liturgically enrolled in the First Eucharist program and begin their preparation for this sacrament. Next weekend we will ask parishioners to pray for these children and their families by taking home an enrolment card with the child's name, and to pray for them during the program. 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**. If for some legitimate reason you cannot attend, please contact the parish office before the meeting on Wednesday. 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN MASS

On Friday, 15th May at the 9:15am Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered.

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!

CTK CONNECT

We are looking forward to welcoming Monsignor John Boyle as guest speaker at our next CTK Connect meeting this 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.



BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Envelopes will be available in the Church for donations next weekend. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



SIMPLIFIED PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025

Within the parish bulletin this weekend is a copy of the parish financial report for the financial year 2024-2025 produced by the parish finance committee.

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 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.

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.

GROW FOOD AT HOME: UPSKILL WITH A LOCAL FARMER WORKSHOP (16 & 20 MAY)

Perrith City Council is hosting two FREE food-growing workshops at Mamre House (181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills). You'll learn a lot in this workshop and be empowered to start growing some of your own food, with a focus on winter harvest crops. Learn more at <https://parracatholic.org/events/grow-food-at-home-workshop/>

POSITION VACANT: CO-ORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS - GREYSTANES PARISH

Initially 15 hrs/wk onsite for a suitably qualified/experienced person:

Collaborating as a parish team member with a focus on promoting, organising and celebrating parishioner involvement in ministry/service.

Overseeing the safeguarding requirements for those in ministry/service whilst assisting processes for both practical and enriching ongoing formation.

For a role description and requirements for making application, please contact: parishoffice@olqp.org.au by 12 May.

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.

POSITION VACANT: Parish secretary at St Monica's Parish, Richmond. Details at parracatholic.org/jobs.

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.