



Sunday, 24th May, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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: TBC
Baptisms: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:15am
Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Saturday after
9.15am Mass
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

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

THE SICK: Keith Henson, Janet Sullivan, Mark Ford, Kerry & Bruce Wright, Liliانا 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: Victor Ulbrick
ANNIVERSARIES: Andrew Przeklasa.



REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ. The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

MASS COUNT

A National Count of Attendance at Mass for 2026 is taking place over the first four weekends of May. This will be the fourth week of the count (ages). 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 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13, Jn 20:19-23

Next Week's Readings: Ex 34:4-6,8-9, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18

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.

23rd & 24th May - Pentecost Sunday

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Ron Ruskin	Mary-Anne King John DeCourcy	Miriam Chacty	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Arthur Rizk Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Ken Coorey	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Tiana Fernandes	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Terri Hirschhorn and Erica Rheinberger

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 5: Marc & Carmela Corazza, Jecy Vaz, Mariana Tomasovic

30th & 31st May - The Most Holy Trinity

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad John DeCourcy	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Caroline Thurairatnam	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Ken Coorey	Wilma Fernandes Dawn Peat	Volunteer needed	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Deirdre Lee

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Barbara Craft, Steve Frare

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, 5th June, so spread the word!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

This weekend is Pentecost Sunday which celebrates the birth of the Church and the fact that the Holy Spirit was recognised by diverse cultures and people of many languages. At the 10am Mass the prayers of the faithful will be spoken in different languages to reflect our diversity. After Mass we will share coffee, food and friendship.

BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's Good Works Appeal last weekend. A total of \$1725 has been donated to the Appeal. Envelopes are once again available on the seats this weekend to support the 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.

ANNUAL LAUDATO SI' WEEK: SATURDAY 17 MAY – SUNDAY 24 MAY

Join the Catholic Church across Australia and Catholics around the world in celebrating Laudato Si' Week. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to nurture "seeds of hope" for our suffering planet.

40 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

You are invited to attend the celebration of 40 years of the Diocese of Parramatta with His Excellency, Archbishop Charles Balvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia and Bishop Vincent Long next Sunday, 31st May with a special Mass at 2pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Together, let's celebrate and give thanks for the growth, development and many blessings that have shaped our faith and Catholic community over four decades

CTK CONNECT BOOK CLUB

The CTK Connect Group last met on Thursday May 14 when we were privileged to enjoy an informative and entertaining session with Monsignor John Boyle.

CTK Connect Group Book Club will meet this Thursday, 28th May at 10am in the Burton Centre.

The book this month is *Chai Tea at Cinnamon Gardens* by Australian author Shankari Chandran that explores Sri Lankan-Australian identity, family secrets, and racism. 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.



RITE OF INITIATION

On Trinity Sunday, 31 May at the 10am Mass, Sean Gulasi will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We pray for him as he prepares for this initiation into our Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thanks to all those who responded to our survey regarding Eucharistic adoration. It has been decided to re-introduce this on the first Saturday of the month after the 9:30am Mass (adoration draws its significance and flows from the Eucharist) and it will conclude at 10:15am with benediction if a priest or deacon is available. Adoration will begin on Saturday 6th June. This is good preparation for the Eucharistic Congress coming up in 2028 in the Sydney archdiocese.

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.

CATENIAN MASS

This coming Tuesday evening, 26 May, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm in Christ the King Church with the members of the local Catenian Circle, a number of whom are members of our parish. The Catenian's are a group of Catholic men and families who enjoy each other's company and help and support each other by sharing the Gospel values through their association by belonging to a network of like-minded people. Refreshments will be shared after the Mass.

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. 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.

SISTINE CHAPEL REVELATIONS – AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION: UNTIL 19 JULY

Experience the Sistine Chapel: Revelations immersive exhibition at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Sydney (16 May–19 July 2026). Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. Book tickets at sistinechapelsydney.com.au.

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.

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 – 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 Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - 4 JUNE

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral to St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 4 June at 6pm. If you would like to get involved or learn more about the event, contact Fr Tom Green, Assistant Parish Priest at Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown.

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.