



Sunday, 28th June, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Parish Address:

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Phone: 9871 8710

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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, Branko Cuzic, Thomas Cook, Helene Graham, Natalie De Maria, Peter Aw, Abraham Concepcion, Lilian Davidson, Delia Hipolito, Barbara Heaton, Mark Cheeseman, Edna Esmero, Lolita Linco. Ken Sunderland.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Lacey.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rita Bellemore, Charles Moses (40 Days)

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life.

We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

If you give to the Planned Giving via weekly envelopes, new sets are now available from the table at the front of the Church. If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of the parish through the envelope contribution system, or via the credit card or direct debit method please contact the parish office.



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: 2Kgs 4:8-11,14-16, Rom 6:3-4,8-11, Mt 10:37-42

Next Week's Readings: Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9,11-13, Mt 11:25-30

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.

27th & 28th June - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Sue Hales	Phil Trainor	Kerry Saad Mary-Anne King	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Caroline Thurairatnam Julie Bonney	Trish Yates	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Danielle Dona	Thomas Sissons	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Barbara Craft, Jim Kinsella

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 6: Carol Coorey & 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

4th & 5th July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Frank Gelonesi	Sue DeCourcy	John DeCourcy Georgette Rissmiller	Volunteer needed	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Rosemary Wickham	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Hrast	Tiana Fernandes Dawn Peat	Miriam Chacty	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Children's Liturgy - School holidays

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, Deirdre Lee, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Maria Bietola; 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

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

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, 3rd July, so spread the word!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held this Sunday, 28 June. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Please donate generously.

CTK CONNECT GROUP

The CTK Connect Book Club last met on Thursday June 25 for a lively discussion on 'The Jane Austen Remedy' by Ruth Wilson. Next month's book is 'The Bookbinder of Jericho' by Pip Williams. The CTK Connect group will next meet on Thursday July 9 to chat, play bridge, and continue to knit squares for rugs for Vinnies - all while feasting on another delicious morning tea.

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.



FR IAN AWAY

Father Ian will be taking two weeks annual leave in W.A. from Monday 20 July and will return on Tuesday, August 4. During his absence Fr Trevor and Mgr John Boyle will assist at Sunday Masses. On Wednesdays 22 and 29 July Communion services will be conducted by parishioner Graham Lum.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

In the parish of Christ the King, the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Thursday, 10th September commencing at 7.30pm. In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy we will conduct a parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for the children to receive this sacrament.

A pre-requisite of children being confirmed is that they have already received First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised in Eastern Rite (Uniate Churches, e.g. Maronite, Melchite, Ukranian, Chaldean etc.) may have already been confirmed at Baptism and do not need to participate in this programme if this is the case.

Children in grade Five and above are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

The program for preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians on **Wednesday, 22nd July commencing at 7.30pm** in Mary MacKillop Parish Hall, where the program will be explained and any questions answered.



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW!

The latest *Catholic Outlook* magazine is out now, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Pick up a copy today or read online at catholicoutlook.org/e-edition.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS

During the forthcoming school holidays from 6 July, work will begin on replacing the roofing on the building which contains the library and school office administration. There is some asbestos that needs to be safely removed, which will take place at the beginning of the project.

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help by serving in the Piety Stall once every 4 weeks, especially after 10am Mass. Please phone the parish office on 9871 8710

Christ the King Primary



OPEN DAY

4 August
9:30am-10:30am

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2027

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.

EDUCATION MASS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPO - 26 AUGUST

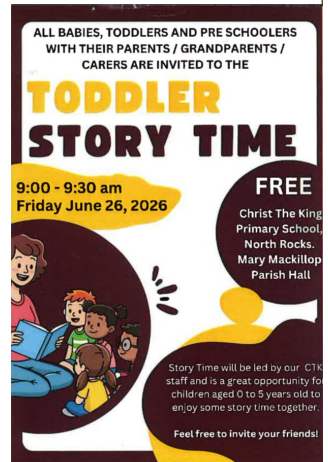
You are invited to attend the Education Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Wednesday, 26 August from 10am to 12.30pm. Coinciding with the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Parramatta, Catholic Schools Diocese of Parramatta will also be celebrating 40 years of education in our school community as a system. The Social Justice Expo will take place immediately following the Mass. The Expo will highlight the local initiatives available from social justice agencies in the field of mission throughout the Diocese.

WORKSHOP WITH JOHN BURLAND - 8 JULY

CCD Parramatta invites you to a fun and interactive day with composer and musician, John Burland at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Wednesday, 8 July. Morning tea and lunch provided. Children welcome. RSVP to ccd@parracatholic.org.

EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE – HEARTS SET ABLAZE!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2026

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.