



Sunday, 12th July, 2026

FIFTEENTH 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

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

THE SICK: Mark Ford, Kerry & Bruce Wright, Liliana Cugola, Andrew Halmarick, Joseph Keece, Sue Ferguson, Branko Cuzic, Thomas Cook, Helene Graham, Margaret Makin, Natalie De Maria, Peter Aw, Abraham Concepcion, Lilian Davidson, Delia Hipolito, Barbara Heaton, Mark Cheeseman, Edna Esmero, Lolita Linco, Ken Sunderland.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Keith Henson (funeral this Thursday 16 July at 11am)

ANNIVERSARIES: Dora Giacomelli, Mary Chung Su Lan, Angela Cummins..

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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.



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: Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:9,18-23, Mt 13:1-23
 Next Week's Readings: Wis 12:13,16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43

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.

11th & 12th July - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Ron Ruskin	Mary-Anne King Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Jim Kinsella	Arthur Rizk Deirdre Lee	Trish Yates	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Ken Coorey	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Volunteer needed	Margaret Coakley

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

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

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

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

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

18th & 19th July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Jim Kinsella	Georgette Rissmiller Kerry Saad	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Lorraine Murphy	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Miriam Chacty	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Deirdre Lee, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Maria Ellis

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, 17th July so spread the word!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2026 WINTER APPEAL TODAY

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will take place this weekend. There will be a short video at every Mass to show the kind of work that Vinnies does in assisting people of all ages who find themselves in circumstances where they need immediate help. Food, furniture, clothing and help with bills are the common calls, funding for which comes mainly from you, the parishioners. In the past year, calls for assistance have increased significantly and your help would be greatly appreciated. Following are the ways we will be collecting your donations:

- Envelopes on the seats can be used for credit / debit card donations and cash.
- EFTPOS facility will be available outside the Church.
- Members will be at the doors of the Church with buckets for cash donations.

Tax deductions are available for all donations over \$2. Please see a Vinnies member if you require a receipt. Thanks for your support in helping us continue our work to help the less fortunate in our community.

CTK CONNECT GROUP BOOK CLUB



The CTK Connect Book Club meets on Thursday 23rd July at 10am in the Burton Centre. This month's book is 'The Bookbinder of Jerico' by Pip Williams, a story about family and love, social classes and impact of war, books and fighting against the odds for the education you want.

The CTK Connect Group will next meet on Thursday August 13 with 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.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS

During the school holidays from 6 July, work has begun on replacing the roofing on the building which contains the library and school office administration.

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.

ANNUAL AFRICAN MASS 2026: 27 SEPTEMBER

The African Catholic communities of the Diocese of Parramatta, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office for Migrant Chaplaincies and the Nigerian and Ghanaian Chaplaincies, warmly invite you to the African Mass 2026. Join us on Sunday 27 September from 1pm–5pm at Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St Patrick's Church), 51–59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, for a vibrant celebration of faith, culture and community. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided following Mass. All are welcome.

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.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

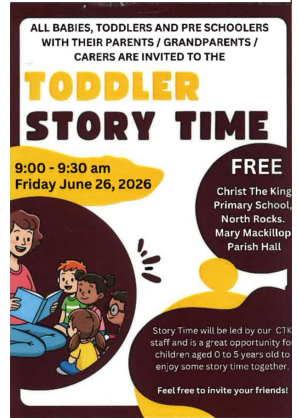
Our Commitment to Safeguarding At Christ the King Parish: We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way." The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to... Act with justice, and state 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.

'BE THE WITNESS' MUSICAL: 10-13 SEPTEMBER

'Be The Witness' arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, 10-13 September. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with a full cast and chorus now in place and rehearsals beginning this weekend, excitement is building. Groups (10+) receive up to 20% off — offer extended. Gather your parish and book now at bethewitness.com.au.

WORLDVIEWS AND WAYS OF LIFE IN AUSTRALIA

ANU researchers are exploring how perceptions and ways of thinking (worldviews) relate to experiences and ways of living (i.e. participation and inclusion) in Australia. They are seeking respondents for their online anonymous 15-20 min survey from any and all adult Australian citizens and permanent residents living in Australia. Make sure you are represented in this meaningful research by completing this fascinating survey and also forwarding it to any others who may be interested. \$100 vouchers to be won! Access the survey here: <https://anu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/>.



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.