



Sunday, 19th July, 2026

SIXTEENTH 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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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, Toni Fox (aunt of Rosanne Vaughan), John Trainor (brother of John Trainor).

ANNIVERSARY: Judith Lum, Dominic Surace.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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: Wis 12:13,16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43

Next Week's Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52

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.

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	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Rosemary Wickham	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Miriam Chacty	Jecy Vaz

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Deirdre Lee, Anne-Marie Makin, Ken Coorey

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

25th & 26h July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Lance Parker	Mary-Anne King Dawn Peat	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Trish Yates	Caroline Thurairatnam
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Peter Bosci	Liza Jilesh Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Barbara Craft, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesley Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Lou Howitt, Paul Cook, Frances Gallagher

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 from outside the parish and non-Catholics. The next gathering is on Friday, 7th August so spread the word!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

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, Ukrainian, 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.

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome the Buendia family, Honesto and Maria and their daughter Chloe. May Chloe's baptism be a happy and a memorable occasion and may God continue to bless her parents in this special step that they have taken to proclaim and support their child in the Christian faith.

CTK CONNECT GROUP BOOK CLUB

The CTK Connect Book Club meets this 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 an education.

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.



REFLECTION MORNING AT HUNTERS HILL

You are invited to join Catalyst for Renewal for a Reflection Day at Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill on Saturday, 1st August from 9.30am to 12.30pm featuring Sr Patty Andrew OSU - *'The Sacrament of Letting Go. Becoming the Living Echo of God'*. All welcome. Tea & coffee provided. Contact Dawn on 0419 967 773.

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.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 LAUNCH: 12 AUGUST

Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027), themed "Take courage! I have overcome the world". Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about the pilgrimage, hear testimonies from past pilgrims, explore the faith and culture of the Korean Church, and enjoy fellowship with other young people. Date: 12 August. Doors open at 6:30pm. Venue: Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Register today at parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/. We look forward to welcoming you!

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

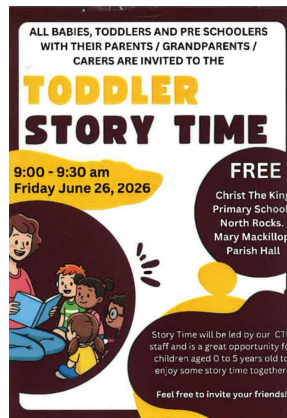
Our Commitment to Safeguarding At Christ the King Parish: We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way." The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to... Act with justice, and state 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. Rehearsals beginning this weekend - excitement is building. Groups (20+) receive up to 20% off. Gather your friends and book now at bethewitness.com.au.

WORLD VIEWS 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/ife/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.