



Sunday, 26th July, 2026

SEVENTEENTH 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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Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au>

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

THE SICK: Mark Ford, Kerri & 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: Steven Daniel
Morris.

ANNIVERSARY: Dominic Surace.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

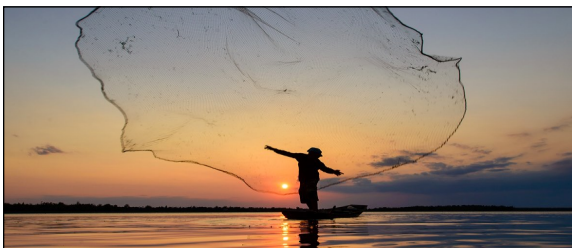
Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

THANK YOU FR TREVOR

Thank you to Fr Trevor who will celebrate the Masses this weekend while Fr Ian is on his two week holiday in Western Australia. On Wednesday 29 July a Communion service will be conducted by parishioner Graham Lum. Fr Ian will return on Tuesday, August 4.



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: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52

Next Week's Readings: Is 55:1-3, Rom 8:35,37-39, Mt 14:13-21

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.

25th & 26th 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	Sarah Cook Rob Haddad	Dominic Choi	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Barbara Craft, Rosemary Wickham, Ken Coorey

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

1st & 2nd August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Kath Patterson	Phil Trainor	Mary-Anne King Georgette Rissmiller	Volunteer needed	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Rosemary Wickham	Tony Hughes Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Jim Kinsella	Sarah Cook Wilma Fernandes	Miriam Chacty	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Alyce Bertolisio

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Rosemary Wickham, John Lacey, Ken Coorey

COUNTER GROUP 3: Noel White, Peter Bosci, John Hunt

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: John & Sue DeCourcy, Chris Poole

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 this Friday, 7th August so spread the word!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by the Very Reverend Fernando Montano VG on children in year five or above, who have already made their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, on Thursday, 10 September at 7.30pm. An initial parent meeting was held last Wednesday to outline the program. The enrolment registration process is open online: (<https://northrockscatholic.org.au/faith-sacraments/>) from Friday, 24 July and closes on Friday, 31 July. After enrolling, parents can pick up their resource package from the parish office from the enrolment date until 7 August between 9am and 3pm. (Note they will not be distributed through school). If for whatever reason the packages cannot be collected during this time, please ring the office to organise a mutually convenient time.

A compulsory liturgical enrolment will take place at any of the weekend Masses on 8/9 August: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 8am and 10am. Parents should bring the enrolment card in the resource package, filled in, to present at the Mass you choose.

The first session of the program will begin as a group on Wednesday evening 12 August in the Parish Hall. Again, attendance is compulsory unless a legitimate reason can be given prior to the night. This is an important time in the faith life of your child, and we look forward to celebrating it with them.

CTK CONNECT GROUP BOOK CLUB



The CTK Connect Book Club last met on Thursday July 23 for a lively and enlightening discussion prompted by 'The Bookbinder of Jericho' by Pip Williams.

The CTK Connect Group will next meet on Thursday August 13 with another delicious morning tea, Bridge, chat, and art activities with Trish Yates. All welcome.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL THANK YOU

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank the parishioners of Christ the King Parish who generously donated to our 2026 Winter Appeal. Requests for assistance have increased greatly in the last 12 months and this money will enable us to continue to help the very needy in our community.

We would also like to acknowledge the parishioners who assist us through the year by placing donations in the two Poor Boxes in the Church foyer. These donations are greatly appreciated.

If you would still like to contribute to the Winter Appeal, we have left envelopes at the back of the Church near the Poor Boxes. These envelopes can be placed in the collection bags at Mass or in the Communication Box in the Church foyer.

BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH GROW IN FAITH PROGRAM FOR ADULTS: FROM 10 AUGUST

The Baulkham Hills Parish community will be hosting a new series of Catholic talks every Monday and Thursday at 7.30pm. starting Monday, 10 August. These evenings are open to everyone aged 14 and above— for those who have been practising their faith for years, those who have drifted away from the Church, and anyone simply curious about the Christian faith. Sessions will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Baulkham Hills in the Parish Hall (underneath the church). For more information, call Lucas 0428 813 256.

FROM STORIES TO SOLIDARITY – A TABLE TALK ON HOMELESSNESS: 9 AUGUST

You are invited to an afternoon of conversation, connection and community to explore how relationships can inspire meaningful action on housing insecurity and homelessness. What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta? What strategies can we put in place? At the Bethany Centre, 470 Church Street, North Parramatta from 1pm to 4pm. What to Expect: Light refreshments, Table conversations in mixed groups, Practical action we can take together. All are welcome! Please register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/pje-table-talk-homelessness/>.

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.

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!

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.

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.



ALL BABIES, TODDLERS AND PRE SCHOOLERS
WITH THEIR PARENTS / GRANDPARENTS /
CARERS ARE INVITED TO THE

TODDLER STORY TIME

9:00 - 9:30 am
Friday June 26, 2026

FREE
Christ The King
Primary School,
North Rocks.
Mary Mackillop
Parish Hall

Story Time will be led by our C16
staff and is a great opportunity for
children aged 0 to 5 years old to
enjoy some story time together.

Feel free to invite your friends!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2026

The Sacrament of Confirmation (Yr 5 and above) on 10 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.