



# Sunday, 2nd August, 2026

## EIGHTEENTH 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](http://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:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151  
**Phone:** 9871 8710  
**Email:** [northrocks@parracatholic.org](mailto:northrocks@parracatholic.org)  
**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:** Sr Rosemary  
Crumlin RSM

**ANNIVERSARY:** Dominic Surace, Monica  
Bokeyar, Margaret McCaffrey.

## REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

## THANK YOU MONS JOHN BOYLE

Thank you to Monsignor John Boyle who will celebrate the Masses this weekend while Fr Ian is on his two week holiday in Western Australia. Fr Ian will return this 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: Is 55:1-3, Rom 8:35,37-39, Mt 14:13-21  
Next Week's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

**Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: [www.universalis.com](http://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](mailto: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.*

### 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<br>Georgette Rissmiller | Volunteer needed  | Maria Bietola        |
| Sunday 8am      | John Murphy     | Rosemary Wickham | Tony Hughes<br>Danielle Dona           | Jo-Anne Castaned  | Minister needed      |
| Sunday 10am     | Rosanne Vaughan | Jim Kinsella     | Sarah Cook<br>Wilma Fernandes          | Miriam Chacty     | Jecy Vaz             |

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Alyce Bertolissio

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Rosemary Wickham, 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, Ken Coorey

### 8th & 9th August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

|                 | Welcomer        | Acolyte      | Reader                          | Computer Operator | Eucharistic Minister |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 5.30pm | Julie Hook      | Sue DeCourcy | John DeCourcy<br>Mary-Anne King | Miriam Chacty     | Maria Bietola        |
| Sunday 8am      | John Murphy     | Peter Bosci  | Arthur Rizk<br>Danielle Dona    | Trish Yates       | Lorraine Murphy      |
| Sunday 10am     | Rosanne Vaughan | Ken Coorey   | Dawn Peat<br>Sarah Cook         | Thomas Sissons    | Marea Mooney         |

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Peter Bosci, Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy

**COUNTER GROUP:** 1st Sunday of the month

**ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3:** Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

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

**CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4:** Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Ryan Brown, Ejay Hwang

## 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 2026

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation has now closed. Parents who have registered are reminded to collect their resource package from the Parish Office.

Next weekend at all 3 Masses a compulsory liturgical enrolment ceremony will take place for the candidates. Parents should bring the completed enrolment card in the resource package to present at the Mass they attend. The first session of the program will begin on Wednesday evening 12 August at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall with parent(s) and child. If for a legitimate reason a family cannot attend, please ensure you contact the parish office prior to this meeting.

## CTK CONNECT GROUP BOOK CLUB

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](mailto:mthirschhorn@yahoo.com.au), Vivien 0413027507 email [vivien.brewer@gmail.com](mailto:vivien.brewer@gmail.com) or Marianne 0418641412 email [dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com](mailto:dave.dwyer1@bigpond.com).



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

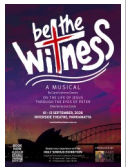
The Baulkham Hills Parish community will be hosting a new series of Catholic talks every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm starting Monday, 10 August. These evenings are open to everyone aged 14 and above - for those who have been practising their faith for years, those who have drifted away from the Church, 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/>.

## 'BE THE WITNESS' AND HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION

Be the Witness is a musical about the life of Jesus through the eyes of Peter. It is on at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta from 10th to 13th September. Come and see the show, and then continue the journey by visiting the Holy Shroud Exhibition at St Patrick's Cathedral and marvelling at the incredible wonders of the burial cloth of our Lord. The exhibition is open from 6th to 13th September. Book now at [bethewitness.com.au](http://bethewitness.com.au).



## BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS: GERARD O'CONNELL AND ELISABETTA PIQUE: 26 AUGUST

Bishop Vincent, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia and Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese, warmly invites all to a special public lecture featuring two of the world's most respected Vatican journalists, Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Piqué. Hear their insider's account of the historic transition from Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV. Wednesday 26 August, 6:00–8:00pm, at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. All are welcome. Register at [parracatholic.org/oconnellpique](http://parracatholic.org/oconnellpique).

## BAULKHAM HILLS PARISH GALA DINNER: FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Join Baulkham Hills Parish for a memorable evening in support of their treasured heritage-listed church on Friday 18 September at 6:00pm at Fontana Amarosa, 49 Balmoral St, Blacktown. The evening includes a three-course dinner, live band & DJ, raffles and auction prizes. For tickets, call 9639 0598 or email [admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au).

## 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.

## SERVICE NSW COST OF LIVING HELP WITH MONICA TUDEHOPE MP

Monica Tudehope MP, Member for Epping, is hosting a Free Community Forum and has invited Service NSW to come along and share ways we can all save some money. This is a great opportunity to learn practical ways to reduce everyday expenses and discover the support, rebates and services available through Service NSW. Guest speakers are Cost of Living Specialists Haseeb Gillani and Neha Mascarenhas. Friday 14 August from 10am to 11am at Boronia Grove Community Centre, Meeting Room 1, Epping. RSVP by 11 August to 9230 3476.

## 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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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.**