



Sunday, 9th August, 2026

NINETEENTH 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, 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: Fr Eugene Stockton.

ANNIVERSARY: Lawrie Williams.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come untravelling and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - AUGUST 15

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls next Saturday 15 August. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Two Masses will be celebrated for this solemnity: the first, a vigil, will be held on Friday, (14 August) evening at 7.30pm; the second will be held on Saturday at 9.00am.



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 19:9,11-13, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

Next Week's Readings: Is 56:1,6-7, Rom 11:13-15, Mt 15:21-28

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.

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

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

15th & 16th August - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Sue Hales	Peter Hrast	Caroline Thurairatnam Mary-Anne King	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Deirdre Lee Julie Elliott	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Tiana Fernandes Liza Jilesh	Miriam Chacty	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook, Sabena Peterson, Mary Cook

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

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 4: Anna Hunt & Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook; 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 from outside the parish and non-Catholics. The next gathering is on Friday, 21st August so spread the word!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

We welcome the children who have registered for the 2026 Confirmation Sacramental Program who will be liturgically enrolled in the program this weekend. It is essential that the children attend one of these Masses. A reminder also that the first lesson will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 12th August at 7.30pm. This lesson is compulsory for both parent and child. . Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend for a legitimate reason either of these events .

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Thursday 10th September outside of Mass, celebrated by Very Rev, Peter Williams V.G. commencing at 7:30pm.



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, Vivien 0413027507 email vivien.brewer@gmail.com or Marianne 0418641412 email 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.

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

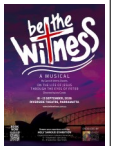
This Saturday, 8th August, Mass will be celebrated on the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first canonised Saint and a patron of our diocese of Parramatta. All parishioners are welcome to join in this celebration beginning at 9am.

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.



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.

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.

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 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 provided following Mass.

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.

ANNUAL WALK ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: 15 AUGUST

Join the Annual pilgrimage walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption, beginning with 11:00am Mass at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, followed by a 14km walk to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshment stops will be held at St Michael's, Baulkham Hills, and St Monica's, North Parramatta. The pilgrimage concludes with prayers at approx. 6pm. Banners and statues are welcome, and you may join the walk at any point. For enquiries, contact OLOR Parish Office: 9629 2595.

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.



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.