



Sunday, 13th September, 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH 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, 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: Carolyn White.



REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

FATHER IAN'S SABBATICAL

Father Ian will be going on sabbatical leave, approved by the Diocese, from 20 September to 1 December. He will be undertaking a seven-week course at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull near Perth in Scotland. Whilst he is away Fr Peter Carroll MSC will assist on weekends with Fr Trevor Hird and Deacon John assisting where they can. Fr Peter has worked in gaol chaplaincy for many years. I am sure the parish will make him welcome.



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: Sirach 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

Next Week's Readings: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24,27, Mt 20:1-16

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.

12th & 13th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Ron Ruskin	Kerry Saad Mary-Anne King	Miriam Chacty	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Ken Coorey	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Volunteer needed	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Deirdre Lee, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

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

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

19th & 20th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Kath Patterson	Sue DeCourcy	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Volunteer Needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Arthur Rizk Danielle Dona	Trish Yates	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Miriam Chacty	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, John Lacey, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Lena Henson; 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 on this Friday, 18th September so spread the word!

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This week is National Child Protection Week (6-12 September) and Safeguarding Sunday (13 September). The Diocese of Parramatta renews its commitment to building a culture of care, vigilance and accountability, where the safety, wellbeing and dignity of children and vulnerable adults is a priority.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL - HONOUR A LIFETIME OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Father's Day Appeal last weekend. As the Vigil Mass was cancelled due to the heavy winds and loss of power, the Appeal will be conducted again this weekend at the Vigil Mass. Envelopes are still available on the seats for anyone else who missed last week's collection.

CTK CONNECT BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting is on Thursday, 24th September. We are excited to invite Layla as a guest speaker at the meeting. More details to follow. 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.



CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Congratulation to the 23 children who were confirmed last Thursday evening and to all involved in their Preparation. These children will receive their certificates acknowledging this event this weekend at the Saturday Vigil/ Sunday Mass nominated by their parents.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families. Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW | SEASON OF CREATION & SPRING EDITION 2026

The latest Catholic Outlook magazine is out now, keeping you connected with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find: Celebrating 40 years as a Diocese, Catholic entrepreneurs providing hospitality and welcome, Giving thanks for our new Deacons, Hospitality in our Parishes ... and much more. Pick up a copy today or read online at catholicoutlook.org/e-edition.

'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 till 13th September.



SHARING OUR STORY

Sharing Our Story meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Burton Centre from 6.30 to 8.00pm. We gather, pray and discussed the previous Sunday's gospel in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Everyone is welcome. Please contact me if you would like to know more or just turn up. scook@parra.catholic.edu.au.

2027 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2027 Columban Calendars are now available from the church foyer at a cost of \$10 each.

Season of Creation: The Plastic Country

Premiering Sunday 13th September 9.00am on youtube.

Did you know that Australians are the second biggest producers of plastic waste per person in the world? Do you want to know how we can change this sobering statistic? THE PLASTIC COUNTRY follows filmmaker and ocean advocate Kal Glanznig across Australia as he investigates the hidden impacts of plastic on our health, wildlife and environment. From remote shores in Arnhem Land to supermarket aisles, wildlife hospitals, waterways and Parliament, the film reveals where our plastic goes, who carries the cost and how Australia can turn the tide.

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.

CATHOLIC CARE – PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL DAY: 13 OCTOBER

Catholic Care and White Lady Funerals will be holding a memorial service followed by the opportunity to place a plant in memory of your lost loved one in our Garden of Remembrance. Where: Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. Free to attend, please RSVP by 8 October to Lisa 0439 917 129 or Christy 4731 4385.

CATHOLIC CARE WSBM – FREE LEGAL CLINIC – FORTNIGHTLY FROM 7 SEPTEMBER

Access FREE legal advice on matters including Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, Traffic offences. When: Every second Monday from 11am starting 7 September. Where: Catholic Care, 3/163 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. To make a booking call (02) 8843 2500 or (02) 8843 2545. Walk-ins welcome.

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.

THE SWAG MAGAZINE

Copies of the Swag magazine are now available free of charge from the tables at the front of the church.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATE 2026

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Yr 3 and above) on 8 & 9 December.

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

TODDLER STORY TIME

9:00 - 9:30 am
Friday September 25, 2026

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

Story Time will be led by our CTX
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!

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.