



Sunday, 20th September, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH 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: Barbara Ison, 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 Harry Kennedy.



REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us.

As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24,27, Mt 20:1-16
 Next Week's Readings: Ezek 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32

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.

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

26th & 27th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Phil Trainor	Mary-Anne King Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	Christine Kinsella	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Volunteer needed	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Rob Haddad Liza Jilesh	Volunteer needed	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Barbara Craft, Jim Kinsella

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Leslie Bosci & Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Maria Bietola; 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, 2nd October so spread the word!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL THANK YOU

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$3,800 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. If you haven't had a chance to donate, envelopes are still available in the Church foyer. Thank you.

CTK CONNECT BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting is on this Thursday, 24th September. This week we will be starting our meeting with a guest speaker. Leila is a young Afghani woman who was raised in Iran prior to coming to Australia. She has graciously agreed to share her story with us. All are welcome to come. 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.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

Whilst Father Ian is away, a Communion Service will be conducted on Wednesday mornings at 9am due to the fact that Father Trevor has chaplaincy commitments at that time.

LINE MARKING

On Thursday 1 October (during school holidays) the Parish car park will be closed as new line marking will take place under the COLA and the renewal of existing signage on the asphalt in the grounds. Parishioners coming to the 9am Mass that Thursday will need to park outside the grounds and enter church through the pedestrian gate.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Once again you are invited to design the front cover of this year's Christmas Outlook magazine. All ages are welcome. Let your artwork reflect the true meaning of Christmas during this Special Jubilee of St Francis. Information is available at parracatholic.org/artcomp.

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 discuss 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.

FIRST-CLASS RELIC & EXHIBITION OF ST CARLO ACUTIS IN PARRAMATTA

The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 28 to 30 September. Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome.



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. 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.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS: KIM DANIELS ON 'AI, POPE LEO & THE FUTURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY'

Join us on 13 October at 6pm to hear from one of the Church's foremost experts on Catholic Social Thought and its importance in the age of artificial intelligence. A lawyer by training, Ms Daniels served for 10 years as a member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication until 2026, and during the Synod on Synodality from 2021-2024 was an expert participant and coordinator of the study group that focused on the Church's mission in the digital age. Registration is essential, visit parracatholic.org/kim-daniels

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

Season of Creation: This year we will be guided by the vision of the prophet Ezekiel (47:1-12): a river flowing from the temple of God, which grows without stopping and brings life where everything seems barren. Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish. But it also challenges us: to recognize ecological damage, to embrace our interconnectedness, and to immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our Common Home. May this Season of Creation be a path for the healing of the Earth and human well-being to flourish together.

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 MARIAN PROCESSION AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, KELLYVILLE: 10 OCTOBER

The Marian Procession is a special parish celebration honouring Our Lady of the Rosary. Following the 6:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 10 October, parishioners will process from Our Lady of the Rosary Church to the Shrine of the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, praying the Rosary and singing Marian hymns. 8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville. Phone 9629 2595 for details.

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.

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.