



Sunday, 27th September, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH 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
9.00am 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: Barbara Ison, Maria Aquilina, 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: John Orton (husband of Filomena. Funeral this Tuesday at 11am).

ANNIVERSARY: Joyce Lord.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

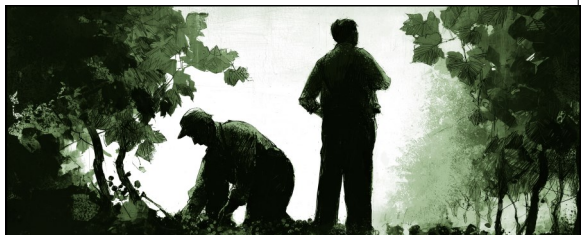
In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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. Fr Ian will return on 1st December.



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: Ezek 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32

Next Week's Readings: Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43

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.

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	Volunteer needed	Lorraine Murphy	Julie Bonney Mark Bonney	Volunteer needed	Jim Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Jim Kinsella	Rob Haddad Sarah Cook	Volunteer needed	Fadia Sleiman

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Lorraine Murphy, Barbara Craft, Ken Coorey

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

3rd & 4th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Sue Hales	Peter Hrast	Dawn Peat Georgette Rissmiller	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Volunteer needed	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Julie Elliott	Trish Yates	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughen	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Miriam Chacty	Marea Mooney

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Rosemary Wickham, Jecy Vaz

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 2: Lanny Carter & Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 6: Ryan Brown, Luke Peterson, Barbara Craft, Steve Frare

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, 2nd October so spread the word!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (for children in Year 3 and above) is a prerequisite for First Eucharist and will begin with a Parent Information Evening to be held in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, 21st October commencing at 7.30pm. The enrolment procedure, along with the program, will be explained and any questions answered at this meeting. All children in our parish, whether they attend Catholic or State schools, prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above), First Eucharist (Year 4 and above) and Confirmation (Year 5/6 and above) in a program that is parish based (not school based) and family centred. We want to assist you, as the first and best teachers of your children, to continue your commitment made at your child's baptism to bring them up in the practice of their faith.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is important for parents/guardians to attend this meeting. Children are not required to attend this initial meeting.

CTK CONNECT BOOK CLUB



Many thanks to Leila who spoke to us at CTK Bookclub this week. Her story was one of bravery, resilience and determination. Our next meeting of CTK Connect is on Thursday, 8th October. 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.



DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS NEXT WEEKEND. DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD.

LINE MARKING

This 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 this 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 Sarah Cook 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 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.



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 Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, praying the Rosary and singing Marian hymns. 8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville. Phone 9629 2595 for details.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN SRE CATECHIST MASS AND AWARD PRESENTATION

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine invites you to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Presentation at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 30th October at 10.00am. For catering purposes, please RSVP to ccd@parracatholic.org.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.