



Sunday, 4th October, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

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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: Jill Wulf (Memorial Service this Tuesday, 6 October at 10.30am) John Orton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Annabelle Snaith, Joan Flanagan.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described.

We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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: Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43
Next Week's Readings: Is 25:6-10, Phil 4:12-14,19-20, Mt 22:1-14

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.

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 Vaughan	Peter Bosci	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Miriam Chacty	Lorraine Murphy

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

10th & 11th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Carole Frare	Ron Ruskin	Liza Jilesh John De Courcy	Volunteer needed	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Caroline Thurairatnam Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Anne-Marie Makin
Sunday 10am	Peter Elchaar	Lorraine Murphy	Wilma Fernandes Arthur Rizk	Thomas Sissons	Margaret Coakley

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 3: Maria Bietola & Barbara Haddad

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

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums, Maria Ellis

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, 16th 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 GROUP

Our next meeting of CTK Connect is on this Thursday, 8th October. All are welcome to join in. 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 THIS WEEKEND. DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD.

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.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 15 NOVEMBER



Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass by 6 November.

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. Our parishioner, Diane Campbell will receive an award for 50 years of service at this Mass. 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.

SHARING OUR STORY

The next Sharing Our Story meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th October** (not Wednesday as previously advertised) 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. scCook@parra.catholic.edu.au.

WORLD ROSARY HOUR AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION, WINSTON HILLS: 13 OCT

The parish of Saint Paul the Apostle invites you to join them as they pray the Holy Rosary on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm. This also includes Our Lady of Fatima procession around the Church grounds (40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills) and will be livestreamed. To know more visit worldrosaryhour.com or contact St Paul's Parish Office: 9639 6516.

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 the 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.

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

CHURCHES CRICKET COMPETITION: STARTING 17 OCTOBER

There are two Catholic teams in this year's Churches Cricket Competition – the Catholic Cricket Club (Papal Bulls) and the Sri Lankan / Indian Churches Team. All new players welcome. The standard is competitive but social, played in a spirit of fellowship and fraternity. Games around Strathfield, Parramatta & Ryde, Saturdays 1-4pm (maximum 3 hours). Season starts 17 October. Email now for more info and to register: papalbullscricket@gmail.com

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 GTK 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.