

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

CATHOLICCARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM: 8 AUGUST – 19 SEPTEMBER

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is starting a bereavement support program for those whose spouse has died. The program will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am to 12midday from 8 August to 19 September at MacKillop Hall, Granville. An Information session will be held on Thursday 1 August at 10am. For more information, call Rita at Solo Parent Services on 8843 2575.

2019 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR: 30 AUGUST

American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the guest speaker at The Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 30 August at St Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7.30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parracatholic.org

DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION: 1 SEPTEMBER

How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to build local capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Find out how Blue Mountains couple **Lukas and Kristina** increased and expanded services for people with disabilities in Dili, Timor Leste, and how **sharing your skills** can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

Palms Meet and Greet: Sunday September 1st @ 10:30am
The Heritage Terrace Café, Penrith www.palms.org.au

CYP CONVENT CRAWL: 7 SEPTEMBER

Catholic Youth Parramatta are organising a 'Convent Crawl' – an opportunity for young women to experience a day-long journey glimpsing the life of consecrated women. Join CYP as they visit four religious communities across the Diocese of Parramatta. 7 September from 6am to 8.30pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/conventcrawl. For inquiries, please contact qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING ONGOING FORMATION: 14 SEPTEMBER

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and the Dying on Saturday 14 September at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, from 9:30am until 2pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 10 September. To RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship team on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL, PERTH: 7 – 11 DECEMBER 2019

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

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. - **Thank you for your ongoing support.**

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**

ONLINE GIVING Donations may also be made online via credit card: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks>

If you wish to contribute via Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office on 9871 8710 for the BSB and Account number for the Parish or Parramatta Catholic Foundation Account.

BEQUESTS (Please contact the Parish Office for further information)

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support. A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime. In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other parish property. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.

CHRIST THE KING
NORTH ROCKS



Sunday 25th August, 2019
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Ian McGinnity
Trainee Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Claudine Nallétamby
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm
Youth Coordinator: Adam Chioatto
Mob: 0423 077 677
Email: ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

School Principal: Tony Hughes

School Phone: 8846 2700

School Web Site:

www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au

Baptisms: Each 2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:15am

Weddings: By Appointment

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:30am & 4:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays - 9:30am

Rosary: Saturdays - 8:30am

Children's Liturgy: 10am Mass - during School Terms only

Playgroup each Fridays: 10 - 11:30am - during School Terms only - Next meeting this Friday 30th August

Good Neighbour Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am - Next meeting Thursday 5th September

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

6pm Saturday
8am Sunday
10am Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:30pm
Wednesday 9am
Thursday 9am
Friday 9:15am
Saturday 9am

Parish Address:

10 Statham Ave, North Rocks NSW 2151

Phone: 9871 8710

Email: northrocks@parracatholic.org

Parish Website: <https://northrockscatholic.org.au/>

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral of the anointing of the sick will be on next Sat 17 November 2019 at 9am Mass.

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

THE SICK: Cass Joyce, Ian McMaster, Donald Mackay, Joe Frare, Patricia Blanning, Afifi Elchaar, Daniele Donu, Patrick Wheeler, Sylvette Marsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Melina Bietola (Aunt of Sam Bietola), Frank Agostino (Brother-in-Law of Sam Bietola), Catherine Home, Leonila Fontanilla.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patricia Mervin, Judy Ellard, Emilia Pignatelli, Tessie Cordina, Mary Oliver, Cecilia Newman, Louie Giacomelli.

DECEASED:

Simon Khoury, Francesco Rodi, Caterina Rodi, Sheila Saad, Jim Saad & All Souls.

105th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

The theme for this year is: It is not just about migrants but also about ourselves, our fears and our hopes. Pope Francis shares in his message, that our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs:

Welcome, Protect, Promote and Integrate.

For more information logon to: www.amcro.catholic.org.au

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

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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 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30
 Next Week's Readings: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29, Heb 12:18-19, 22-24, Lk 14:1. 7-14
Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

24th / 25th August - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	Ken Boys Paul Rankin	Ken Coorey	Inge Wienker Volunteer Required Please	Veronica Chacty	Diane Campbell Frank Lah Nesli Nuguid Gerianne Sadaya	Isabelle Chacty
Sunday 8am	Chris Kinsella John Murphy	Peter Bosci	Tony Hughes Dexter Tabeta	Volunteer Required Please	Carmelita Khoo Jui-May Lee Lorraine Murphy Rosemary Wickham	Pauline Zhao
Sunday 10am	Graeme Gardiner Michael Nasr	Jose Jilesh	Stephen Doyle Sam Safy	Jamie Hoban	Ilana Blazevic Marea Mooney Jenny Roddy Leila Safy	Julia Hoban

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook - Coordinator, Mary Cook - Preschool, Aileen Beaini - Yrs 2 & 3, Terri Hirschhorn - Yrs 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Peter Bosci, Carmelita Khoo, Lorraine Murphy, Rosemary Wickham

COUNTER GROUP 7: Tony Clancy, John Lacey

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adan

PIETY GROUP 2: Julie Hook, Sue Quigley, Jill Wulf

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 1: CTK School Mums Group, Julie Bechara

31st August / 1st September - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Father's Day)

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister	Musicians
Saturday 6pm	George Germanos Paul Rankin	Ron Ruskin	Rob Haddad Jason Scanlon	Jamie Hoban	Maria Bietola Sue DeCourcy Frank Lah Gillian Mobbs	Dorothea Price
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown Chris Kinsella	David Collins	Jennifer Alphonse Bev Johnson	Trish Yates	Ken Coorey Jim Kinsella Jui-May Lee Anne-Marie Makin	Mike Yates
Sunday 10am	Michael Nasr Michael Ng	Peter Hrast	Sam Safy John DeCourcy	Alik Orgun	Diane Campbell Cate Joseph Jenny Roddy Natasha Todorov	Darren So Wea Yeung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sarah Cook - Coordinator, Sarah Garland - Preschool, Pauline Mitchell - Yrs 2 & 3, Ilana Blazevic - Yrs 4-6

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: David Collins, Ken Coorey, Jim Kinsella, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP 1: Ron Riskin, Eric Olson, Michael Ng, Graeme Gardiner

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 1: Lesli Bosci, Gloria Blackwood

PIETY GROUP 3: Robyn Bacon, Kin Fryer, Frances Gallagher

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Frances Gallagher, Rosemaree Maroon, Paul Cook, Helena Roumanus



CHANGE IN MONEY COLLECTION

A change will occur commencing **next weekend 31st August and 1st September** where the time of the collections will change during Mass. The first Collection will occur after the Homily. The Second Collection will occur after the offertory. Direction will be given to the money collectors in the coming weeks. Support from our parishioners would be appreciated. Thank you.

MEETING THIS WEEK - PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

This Tuesday 27th August at 8pm will meet in the presbytery.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The final home group sessions concluded last week. It is essential that parents bring their children to the **practise for the ceremony this Wednesday 28th August - 7:30pm in the Church**. If for some emergency reason families cannot attend the practise, it is imperative you notify the parish office via email: northrocks@parracatholic.org or on 9871.8710. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on 42 children in our Parish on Wednesday 4th September at 7:30pm. It will be administered by Monsignor Ron McFarlane EV. On the weekend of the 7th and 8th of September at all Masses, certificates will be presented to the newly confirmed.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The process of initiation for children into the parish Catholic community of the faithful is celebrated in three sacramental moments: Baptism, first reception of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a prerequisite for First Eucharist (for children in Year 3 and above) and will begin with a **Parent Information Evening to be held in our parish church on Thursday, 5th September, commencing at 7.30pm**. The enrolment procedure, along with the program, will be explained and any questions answered at this meeting. All children (whether they attend Catholic or State schools) in our parish, 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."



WEEK	DATE	TOPIC
6	30th Aug	The male & female brain
7	6th Sept	Prove it!
8	13th Sept	Made in His image



CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH NEWS

For all youth news and updates on upcoming events, find us on [Facebook@CTKLifeTeenYouth](https://www.facebook.com/CTKLifeTeenYouth) For more information, please contact Adam Chioatto on 0423 077 677 or ctk.nr.ym@gmail.com

Our Theme for Term 3 is, "Who do you say that I am?" Come along to squires to find out more about these topics and what our challenges are.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT NORTH ROCKS

The North Rocks Carols by Candlelight is a major community event run by local Churches for the local community. This year it is being held from 5-9pm on Friday 20th December at North Rocks Park. Naturally an event like this costs and so our Committee is still in need of sufficient sponsors. If you know of any local businesses who may be interested in sponsoring please advise. (Flyer available in church foyer) Any parishioner who would like to contribute a gift of \$50 and above will have their names listed in the songbook. For further information contact Cathy on 0411 055 403.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS: 1 SEPTEMBER

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: parracatholic.org/csf

BISHOP VINCENT'S STATEMENT ON THE CARDINAL PELL APPEAL

The case involving Cardinal Pell on historic child sexual abuse crimes has again dominated the media and public discourse following the appeal decision that was handed down last week. For more information logon to: <https://parracatholic.org/cardinal-pell-appeal/>

North Rocks Carols by Candlelight

20 December, 2019

Sponsor Information and Packages



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Level	Cost	Benefits
Platinum	\$2500 (payment plan on request)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognised as a major sponsor with your Logo displayed on all promotional publications including social media, banners & letterbox flyers (last year we printed and delivered 11000 flyers) Best position on the night for advertising banners and stall/display Representative address at the event Full Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook (750 copies) All the Gold Sponsorship Benefits
Gold Plus	\$1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stall/display at the event and opportunities to handout giveaways or promotional material to attendees.
Gold	\$1000 (payment plan on request)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting you on stage to introduce a carol. ½ Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook All the Silver Sponsorship Benefits
Silver	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media mentions Verbal recognition during event 1/3 Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook Banner displayed at event
Bronze	\$200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media mentions & Verbal recognition during event ¼ Page Advertisement in Carols Songbook
Supporter	\$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Media mention & Verbal recognition during event Large Logo in Carols Songbook

Sponsor Information

Over the past 15 years we have seen this event grow from a small gathering of 300 people to being a major regional event with 1500-2500 people attending. Our goal is to provide a fun community evening which includes food, entertainment, community carol singing, a reminder about the true meaning of Christmas and of course, Santa.

Running an event of this size for so many people requires professional sound, lighting and stage, as well as other costs such as electricity generators, advertising etc. Although the churches contribute towards the cost of the carols through both finances and providing a great bunch of volunteers, this is not enough to cover our \$15,000 budget. We are only able to run the North Rocks Carols through the generous sponsorship of local businesses and we would love for you to consider becoming one of our valued sponsors.

We offer sponsorship packages from as little as \$100 right up to \$2500 enabling local businesses to gain great exposure in the local community. Over the past years we have had great feedback from all our sponsors of both the benefit but also the joy of being connected to such a special event in the local community.



Thankyou for being a sponsor!

We are thrilled that you have decided to become part of the 2019 North Rocks Carols by Candlelight team. Your contribution will help make this community event a special time for all those who attend. Here is some information that you will need right now:

- 1) We need your sponsorship pledge by August 31.
- 2) We will email you with our account details and will need payment by cheque or EFT by October 31.
- 3) To help us to advertise that your business is connected to the carols we would love to have your companies logo. We can always find it online, but if you have a logo that you can send through to us that would make things easier. If you do, could you please email it to cathynelson@northrocks.org.au

We will keep you updated as the Carols draws closer. If you have other questions please contact Cathy on 0411 055 403

Company/Business:

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone:

Level / Amount:

Please return this form to North Rocks Community Church or email information to cathy.nelson@northrocks.org.au by August 31. Thank you.