# St Mary MacKillop Parish Rockdale City

Three Communities – One Parish

(St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe, St Gabriel's, Bexley & St Joseph's, Rockdale)

## Feast of All Saints – Year A – 31 October & 1 November 2026

**Parish Priest –** Fr Yacub Barkat **Assistant Parish Priest** – Fr Miguel Perez Campos


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**Office hours:** Monday to Thursday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)


Schools: **St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg

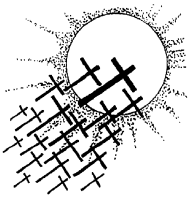
**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

**St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

| | ARNCLIFFE | ROCKDALE | BEXLEY |
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| **WEEKEND MASSES**<br>**Saturday Vigil**<br>**Sunday Masses** | 5.00pm Saturday<br>9.00am | 6.30pm Saturday<br>9.00am *(Italian)* 10.30am<br>12.00pm *(First Sunday only Urdu)*<br>6.00pm *(Third Sunday only Filipino)* | -------<br>9.00am<br>5.00pm |
| **WEEKDAY MASSES** | 9.00am Wednesday<br>9.00am Friday | 7.00pm Tuesday *(Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm)*<br>9.00am Thursday | 9.00am Monday<br>9.30am Thursday<br>9.00am Saturday<br>*(Benediction at 8.45am)* |
| **CONFESSIONS** | 4.00 – 4.30pm<br>2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month | 5.30 – 6.00pm<br>1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month | 8.00 – 8.40am Saturday |
| **BAPTISMS** | 10.00am<br>1st Sunday of the month | 11.30am<br>2nd Sunday of the month | 10.00am<br>3rd Sunday of the month |
| | Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours. | | |
| **WEDDINGS** | Monday to Saturday by appointment. | | |
| 1st Reading: ***Rev 7:2-4, 9-14***; 2nd Reading: **Jn 3:1-3**; Gospel: **Mt 5:1-12** | | | |

### Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6

**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**



The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. ℟

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. ℟

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. ℟



### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
**Alleluia!**

**ALL SOULS DAY MASSES**

The Feast of All Souls is this **Monday, 2nd November**. There will be a Mass in each of our churches on the day.

- 9.00am at St Gabriels
- 10.30am at St Francis Xaviers
- 7.00pm at St Josephs

**SPECIAL ALL SAINTS DAY MASS**

Our three parish primary schools, St Joseph's Rockdale, St Gabriel's Bexley and St Francis Xavier's Arncliffe and Marist College Kogarah will be holding a very special Mass **this Sunday, 1st November** at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church. This will be a celebration of All Saints Day and the children have been encouraged to dress up as their favourite saint. Fr Yacub will generously be giving a memento to all children that dress up. The schools are organising the Mass and we welcome the children from local state schools and many of our parish families today. Mass will be followed by a morning tea.

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL**

The final Appeal for 2026 will be held **this weekend,** with **a third collection** after Holy Communion. The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the Sydney Archdiocese: hospital, gaol and university chaplaincies, the Catholic deaf community, the aboriginal community, seminarians preparing for priesthood, CatholicCare and resources for catechists visiting state schools.

Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If donations fall short of the target, the parish must use their funds to make up the difference. Donations over $2 are tax deductible if all details are given.

**BAPTISM**



This Sunday we welcome Edwin Nelson who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on his special day.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

November Mass Offering envelopes are now available at our churches. Please endeavour to have your Mass Offering for November in the collection plates by **this weekend**. This will enable your loved ones to be prayed for during the whole month of November.

**There will be no individual Mass offerings during November** as we pray for all our deceased loved ones.

**SYDNEY STREET FEAST-VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

On **Friday 13 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11.00am to 2.00pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Please register your interest at: https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-street-feast-2026-volunteer-registration

**WALK WITH CHRIST**

The annual Walk with Christ will take place on **Sunday, 22nd November** commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place. It will be preceded by a festival in Martin Place starting at 1:00pm. Our parish will walk together as a group at this procession, with a parish banner. The annual Walk With Christ procession will be a preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, Please gather with fellow parishioners and join us. There are special booklets in each of the churches this weekend if you are planning on attending the procession. These are to enable you to take a more active part in the proceedings on the day.

**WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY SEMINAR**

We are seeing more people visiting our parishes. Let's help them find a home in Christ's Church. A seminar be held on Thursday, 19th November from 7.00-9.00pm at Good Shepherd Parish, Hoxton Park. The aim is to assist parishes to establish or strengthen your parish welcome and hospitality ministries especially in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress during which we will welcome many pilgrims and other people who are curious about what is happening in our city!

Register at trybooking.com/DQAWN

**PRAY WITH OTHERS USING THE 2026 SYDNEY ADVENT-CHRISTMAS COMPANION**

Many people, including those who do not go to Mass, would welcome an opportunity to pray with someone; they just need someone to invite them! Advent is a wonderful time to learn—or to develop—the art of inviting others to pray with you. If you would benefit from some guidance, ideas, or encouragement, register for one of our online workshops. Companions will be delivered to Sydney parishes in mid-November.

Dates and times:

**Option 1: Thursday 12 November, 7:30 - 8:15pm**

**Option 2: Friday 20 November, 12:00 - 12:45pm**

Register at https://www.trybooking.com/DQSRR

**EUCHARIST 28 PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed. By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others. Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost. Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ, Amen

**THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- 'Carlo brings hope' as mission ends
- Tongan Catholics mark 50 years
- The grace of a spiritual retreat
- Opinion: Pro-life care beyond birth
- Reviews: My Fair Lady, Sense and Sensibility

**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR CAROLS IN KING STREET**

Please add **Sunday, 20th December** to your calendars as we will be holding our annual Carol singing in King St Mall, Rockdale from 8.00-9.00pm.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE – A RETREAT FOR COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN**

This retreat day is facilitated by the Emmanuel Community, for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, including those who are still hoping to conceive. Saturday, 21 November from 9.00am – 4.00pm at St Martha's Leichhardt, 38 Renwick St., Leichhardt Register at https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1617009

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING**

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the Safeguarding Office on 9390 5800 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES**



We have several parishioners who are suffering from various serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kevin Ryan, Patrick Costa, David Eccleston and Sr Pilar.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr John Kerrigan, Shaun Padua, Jaime Ramos, Umberto Calfapietra, Inyat Bibi Mariam, and Chuc, Maria and Hiep Doan.

**We especially remember those for whom Masses have been requested, those in our Memorial Books and all our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors. May they all rest in peace, Amen.**

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Pray often for me." 15.4.1892

