ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 14 & 15 NOVEMBER 2026

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

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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
WEEKEND MASSES **Saturday Vigil** **Sunday Masses**	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am *(Italian)* 10.30am 12.00pm *(First Sunday only Urdu)* 6.00pm *(Third Sunday only Filipino)*	------- 9.00am 5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday *(Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm)* 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday *(Benediction at 8.45am)*
CONFESSIONS	4.00 – 4.30pm 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
BAPTISMS	10.00am 1st Sunday of the month	11.30am 2nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 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: ***Prov 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31;*** 2nd Reading: ***1 Thess 5:1-6;*** Gospel: ***Mt 25:14-30***			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.



O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ℟

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ℟

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. ℟



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

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.



WALK WITH CHRIST

The annual Walk with Christ will take place **next 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.

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE: WHY DO WE WALK WITH CHRIST IN THE STREETS?

On the Feast of Christ the King, join us in the heart of Sydney to walk with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Walk with Christ takes place on Sunday, 22 November. The festival begins at 1 PM in Martin Place. The Eucharistic procession sets out at 2.30 pm from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street.

As we walk and pray together, we worship Christ and share with our city the faith we profess at Mass. This year's procession is one way to prepare our hearts for Eucharist28, when Sydney will welcome pilgrims from around the world for the 54th International Eucharistic Congress.

Bring your family, invite a friend or come with your parish. Together, let's walk through the heart of Sydney and give witness to our faith in Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE – A RETREAT FOR COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN

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

PRAY WITH OTHERS USING THE 2026 SYDNEY ADVENT-CHRISTMAS COMPANION: COME LET US ADORE HIM

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 our final online workshop on Friday 20 November at 12.00pm. The Companion booklets will be delivered to Sydney parishes in mid-November. Please register at: https://www.trybooking.com/DQSRR

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are available at our churches. **There are no individual Mass offerings during November** as we pray for all our deceased loved ones.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT KING STREET – COME AND SING WITH US!

Fr Yacub warmly invites all parishioners, families and friends and any neighbouring parishes, to join us for an evening of Christmas carolling at King Street Mall, Rockdale on **Sunday, 20 December** from 8 – 9pm. Whether you would like to join our carolling group or simply sing along with everyone on the night, we would love to have you with us! Let's come together through music and song to share the joy of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus. **Everyone is welcome!**

CHRISTMAS MASSES AND RECONCILIATIONS

RECONCILIATIONS

Bexley Saturday 19th December – 8.00am – 8.45am
Arncliffe Saturday 19th December – 4.00pm – 4.45pm
Rockdale Saturday 19th December – 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Rockdale Tuesday 22nd December – 5.30pm.

MASSES

Christmas Vigil, Thursday, 24th December

Bexley 5.00pm
Arncliffe 5.00pm
Rockdale 6.30pm



"Christmas Eve Night Mass", Thursday at St Josephs

Christmas Carols from 10.30pm
Rockdale Mass at 11.00pm
(N.B. Note the Mass is NOT at Midnight!!)

Christmas Day, Friday, 25th December

Arncliffe 9.00am **Bexley** 9.00am
Rockdale 10.30am
(There will NOT be a 5.00pm Mass at Bexley today)

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

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

- Marrickville mural marvels residents
- Korean community shares 50 years of faith
- Visiting Cardinal urges all to embrace joy, mission
- Narnia trailer leaves fans in doubt
- Denton's VAD pitch at the National Press Club

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY & ART: THE WAY OF BEAUTY

The Theology of the Body Institute, in partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, invites you to a unique Theology of the Body immersion experience exploring art, beauty, and the human vocation. This course is designed to heal the senses and transform the way we see one another, the created world, and ultimately God Himself. Drawing deeply from St. John Paul II's Letter to Artists, the Theology of the Body catechesis, insights from Pope Benedict XVI, and the wider Catholic tradition, this immersion invites participants to walk the Way of Beauty as a powerful path of prayer, contemplation, and evangelisation. This will be held from **Sunday 17 January** at 5:00pm - Friday 22 January 2027 1:00pm at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre - 347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale For more information and to register, visit: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1550685

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppe Simone, Patricia Gilsenan, Margaret Bet, Maria Bini, Virgilio Carrabs, Chiara Morici, Wendy Allen, Maria Grskovic, Michael Giardullo, Maria Giardullo, Tina Fasanella and Francis Xavier Nguyen.

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

"Let us love and praise God in all." 9.7.1873

