

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 9 & 10 AUGUST 2025

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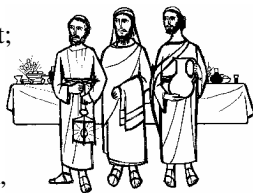
**SCHOOLS:** **St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson  
**St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg  
**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

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| <b>WEEKEND MASSES</b><br><b>Saturday Vigil</b><br><b>Sunday Masses</b>                                                     | 5.00pm Saturday<br>9.00am                                                                                                                        | 6.30pm Saturday<br>9.00am <i>(Italian)</i> 10.30am<br>12.00pm <i>(First Sunday only Urdu)</i><br>6.00pm <i>(Third Sunday only Filipino)</i> | -----<br>9.00am<br>5.00pm                                                             |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>                                                                                                      | 9.00am Wednesday<br>9.00am Friday                                                                                                                | 7.00pm Tuesday <i>(Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 5.30pm)</i><br>9.00am Thursday                                      | 9.00am Monday<br>9.30am Thursday<br>9.00am Saturday<br><i>(Benediction at 8.45am)</i> |
| <b>CONFESSIONS</b>                                                                                                         | 4.00 – 4.30pm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month                                                                         | 5.30 – 6.00pm<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month                                                                    | 8.00 – 8.40am Saturday                                                                |
| <b>BAPTISMS</b>                                                                                                            | 10.00am<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month<br>Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours. | 11.30am<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month                                                                                              | 10.00am<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month                                        |
| <b>WEDDINGS</b>                                                                                                            | Monday to Saturday by appointment.                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Wis 18:6-9</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Heb 11:1-2, 8-19</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 12:32-48</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32:1.12.18-20.22**

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
 for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
 They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
 the people he has chosen as his own. *R/*



The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
 on those who hope in his love,  
 to rescue their souls from death,  
 to keep them alive in famine. *R/*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
 The Lord is our help and our shield.  
 May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
 as we place all our hope in you. *R/*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready:  
 you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
**Alleluia!**



**BAPTISM**



This Sunday we welcome Christian Bartlett who will be baptised at St Joseph's We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this special day.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

**This Friday, 15th August,** is the Feast of the Assumption. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this Feast Day. Masses are at **Arncliffe:** 9.00am - **Rockdale:** 9.00am - **Bexley:** 10.30am.

**HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ALL PARISHIONERS**

Happy Feast of St Mary MacKillop to ALL our parishioners for the feast day which was on Friday, (8<sup>th</sup> August). Sincere apologies for omitting this from last week's bulletin. We hope those who attended the parish dinner enjoyed the special celebration!

**PARISH DINNER THANKS**

Many thanks are extended to all those who worked to make our Parish Dinner on Friday evening such a success. Special thanks go to Kathleen and Frans and their assistants, for their efforts to make this evening a success. Everyone there enjoyed themselves in a night of fun, conviviality and good humour. Many thanks are also extended to those who donated the various raffle and silent auction prizes. The amount raised will be noted here when all costs have been accounted for.

Our gratitude and thanks are also extended to the staff of Bexley RSL Club who catered for all our needs.


*Fr Yacub*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The children from our parishes commence their lessons for the Confirmation program this weekend. Please keep them all in your prayers as they seek guidance from the Holy Spirit.



### CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

 Thank you to those who contributed to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal held last weekend. Your ongoing financial support of the archdiocese's initiatives is very much appreciated. Donations are still being accepted and may be placed in a CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.

### ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Each of our churches need people to volunteer to be Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist at weekend Masses. You will need to have a Working With Children Check which is obtainable through Service New South Wales website. There is no charge for this for volunteers. If you feel you would be available to assist, please speak with Father Yacub or Father Norvin.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

Please collect your envelopes and receipts this weekend. If you do not collect them, they will be available in the parish office. Please phone before coming in.

### SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are special Mass Offering envelopes in our churches. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published in the parish bulletin. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated on a particular date, a **minimum of one week's** notice must be given.

### THE CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2025

An overnight pilgrimage for men in honour of our Spiritual Father, St Joseph will be held Friday 5 September from 7:00pm to Saturday 6 September at 8:00am. The entire walk from start to finish will include six churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break.

The itinerary from start to finish is:

1. St Joseph's, Como - Opening Mass
2. St Patrick's, Sutherland
3. St Catherine's, Gympie
4. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda
5. Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah
6. St Aloysius, Cronulla - closing Mass

The cost is \$35 pp and includes a bus ticket: \$24 return trip from 7.00pm sharp on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> from Holy Family Menai and return at 7.30am on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> from St Aloysius Cronulla. To register and for more information, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CXLAO>.

### CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY FOR ADDICTION OR ALCOHOLISM

The Calix Society is for people who are clean and sober in 12-step recovery and wish to explore Catholic Spirituality. Anyone is welcome to join us in prayer for Total Abstinence, Spirituality, and Personal Sanctification. Contact Kevin at 0435 668 382 or Tim at 0401 600 422. Venerable Matt Talbot, pray for us.

### PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers, grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Fr Chris Riley remembered as a tireless advocate for youth
- "Do great things," Pope Leo tells a million young people
- FertilityCare conference brings hope to couples
- How the St Joseph Camino transformed one family
- Aussies welcome Cardinal Newman's promotion to Doctor
- Researcher calls for age classifications for books

### THEOLOGY AT THE PUB

ACU Campus Ministry, in collaboration with MacKillop Bakhita Law Students' Society and Sydney Crossroads, invites all young adults from Sydney to an evening of theology at the pub! Dr Michael Casey will be sharing his thoughts on the topic, "What's a person worth? Some thoughts on human dignity and the common good in law and society". This is an 18+ Event and will be held on Monday 11 August, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the Top Floor, The Orient Hotel, 89 George St, The Rocks. Free entry, but please register via the Facebook event at <https://bit.ly/3UndaZp>

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or [enquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:enquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have a number of parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Christian Valdes, Elisa Gioia and Shakhar Francis Rodricks.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr Clara Dal Santo, Therese Worboys, Francesco Campanale, Bartola Mandile, Concetta Figliano, Dorothy Molloy, Giuseppe Casagrande, John Samuel, Giuseppina Suppa, Andres Asinero Barros and Primo Russo.

**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 MACKILLOPS QUOTE

"Never expect perfection, and bear quietly the defects that from time to time come under your notice." 9.3.1890

