

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 17 & 18 OCTOBER 2026

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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

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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,<br/>Exposition, Benediction<br/>&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>Is 45:1, 4-6</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Thess 1: 1-5</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 22:15-21</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – ps. 95:1.3-5.7-10**

**Give the Lord, glory and honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. *R/*

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. *R/*

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. *R/*

Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is King'.  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *R/*



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend. Your ongoing prayerful and practical support is very much appreciated. Donations are still being received, please place your offering in one of the special envelopes and place it in a collection plate at Mass.

## FAMILY MASS NEXT WEEKEND

A Family Mass for the students, staff and families of St Francis Xavier's Primary and local public schools will be celebrated at the 9.00am Mass at St Francis Xavier's next **Sunday, 25th October.**

## ROSARY IN OCTOBER



The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. Rosary will be recited each weekday evening at 6.00pm and at 5.00pm on Saturday and Sunday evenings until Saturday 31st October at St Joseph's.

## REFLECTIONS – ART AND MUSIC AFTERNOON

This event that was to be held last Sunday will now be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November** from 2.30pm in the Rockdale Parish Hall. The event is evangelization through art and music. There will be an art exhibition and artworks paintings from Mon Coloma, a former Rockdale parishioner, which will be offered for sale. Entry ticket is \$10 to raise funds for the poor. Call 0413 010 672 for more information.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

**Alleluia!**



## BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Cartia Hitchcock who will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special day.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

Please keep in your prayers, the students from our parishes who commenced their HSC exams this past week. We wish them good luck with their results as they end their formal school years.

## MOZART'S REQUIEM BY CANDLELIGHT

On **Sunday 8 November** from 5.00 – 6.30pm in the Sydney Town Hall, Artes Christi is hosting something very special, and we'd be honoured if you can join us for this beautiful occasion. Artes Christi together with a combined choir & orchestra of more than 80 musicians will perform *"Mozart's Requiem"* in a Special Tribute Honouring Australia's Military Nurses. Mozart's Requiem will remember generations of military nurses who have served our nation and especially the 21 Australian Military Nurses who were killed in the WWII Bangka Island tragedy. This concert is also a special fundraiser to support The Australian Remembrance Foundation which hosts the annual Lest We Forget Anzac Eve Tribute. Please help us support the vital ongoing work of The Australian Remembrance Foundation which works to preserve and promote the stories, legacy and memory of Australia's service men and women.

There is something extraordinary about hearing Mozart's Requiem live. To experience it by candlelight in the Sydney Town Hall will truly be a night to remember. Bring your family, invite friends, book a row. **Bookings are essential** - tickets strictly limited. Prices range from \$40 - \$125.

**Please also keep Friday 18 December** available for this year's CAROLS FOR PEACE at the Sydney Town Hall, with further details to be announced soon.

## ATTENTION: FILIPINO PARISHIONERS

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to Q & A in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor St, The Rocks **next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October** from 1.30pm – 3.00pm to meet an Australian Theologian. Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez is a Catholic Systematic Theologian with an international reputation. She will speak on her most recent research. "Life is transformed, not ended: Christianity and Philippine spirit ancestor belief" The MC will be Deacon Adrian Gomez who is a Catholic Chaplain in the Royal Australian Navy. There is no need to book. Suggested Donation: \$10 [www.catalystforrenewal.org.au](http://www.catalystforrenewal.org.au)

## ST. CARLO ACUTIS PILGRIM RELIC MISSION

We are pleased to announce the official parish program for the St Carlo Acutis Major Pilgrim Relic Mission, coming to the Archdiocese of Sydney 12–25 October. Over these two weeks, the relic of Saint Carlo Acutis will journey to a different parish each day, offering the faithful a rare opportunity for veneration, prayer, and reflection on his life of faith, joy, and quiet holiness. Accompanying this tour will be the St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Please scan the code for further information.



## EUCARIST 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

- Absent from the table, but not from the faith
- Pope Leo to undergo lung Surgery
- CCD Mass honours generations of catechists
- Little Saints, big faith in Tongan community
- Kate Cleary: The little flock, a sign of hope

## 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 **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**. 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.

## 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](mailto: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:** Francesca Battaglia

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francesco Zirilli, Anna Silvio, Norma Greenwood, Carlos Mangura, Vincent Gomez, Frank & Carol Sbisà,

**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

"May each succeeding birthday find you nearer to the Sacred Heart, resting with a loving and tranquil heart in the dear Will of God." To her mother Flora 3.6.1873



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