

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 4 & 5 JULY 2026

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priests – Fr Norvin Dias and Fr Miguel Perez Campos

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**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><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: <b><i>Zech 9:9-10</i></b> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <b><i>Rom 8:9, 11-13</i></b> ; Gospel: <b><i>Mt 11:25-30</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON - Ps 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 144:1-2.8-11.13-14

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. *R/*



The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. *R/*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. *R/*

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. *R/*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
**Alleluia!**



## HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

The annual Holy Father's Appeal is on this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes spearheaded by Pope Leo XIV and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we humbly ask you to give what you can.

**There are now four ways to give to this appeal:**

1. Scan the QR code below to donate:
2. Online at: [www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal)
3. Phone: 1800 753 959
4. **Through the third collection at Masses this weekend.**



### FATHER NORVIN IS LEAVING

Father Norvin will be leaving our parish at the end of July. He is moving to Mosman after more than four years with us. On the weekends of 18/19 July and 25/26 July, we will have a third collection to give to Father as a thank you from our parish. We thank him for all he has done here and wish him well in his new parish.

### HOW THE PARISH USES YOUR DONATIONS – COLLECTIONS AT MASS

#### First Collection

Supports ALL priests in the Sydney Archdiocese

Easter, Christmas, wedding and baptism offerings are all added to the first collection. This is passed on to the Archdiocese.

#### Second Collection

Supports all OUR Parish expenses

Your donations through the planned giving envelopes, all cash placed on the plate, and the tap-and-go machines make up the second collection. This money is used in our parish to cover ALL parish expenses and to support pastoral activities. Expenses include administration, insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, and the repair and maintenance of all parish buildings.

Parish expenses include insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, the repair and maintenance of all buildings (churches, halls, presbyteries, convent and office), etc. Note that the parishes must operate within its own income and cannot draw money for expenses from any source other than parish income.

In addition, any shortfall in the yearly target set by the Archdiocese for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has to be covered by this collection. As our parishes do not meet the CWF target, funds are directed to the shortfall each year.

#### Special Collections

The Parish does not retain any money from these collections. These include Charitable Works Fund Appeals, Holy Father's Collection, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and Caritas/Project Compassion.

#### Thank You for your parish support

We ask you to please think about how you can best support our parish? Your ongoing generosity and support of the parish is gratefully acknowledged, and we respect that everyone's circumstances are different; therefore, please know that you are not expected to give any more than is reasonable.

### 7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE WALK

The tradition of visiting the seven most historically significant basilicas in Rome was established by St Philip Neri in the 16th Century. It was a pilgrimage designed as a joyful, communal alternative to the city's secular nightlife. Borrowing from this tradition, the Emmanuel Community is once again pleased to invite all to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on the Solemnity of the Assumption, **Saturday 15 August**. The walk will commence at Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney at 9am and end at St Brigid's Coogee. Join us for a joy-filled and prayerful day. All welcome. Parish groups encouraged to attend. Register your interest here: <https://forms.gle/Uv3BszTxpH4LUTLS9>

**ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE**  
"Cling to God's love and grace." 1890



### 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

- Sydney welcomes St Carlo Acutis
- Archbishop Fisher honours dozens for parish service
- An expert evangelist you won't want to miss
- The Five Dock youth serving hundreds each month
- Outgoing ACN head: The church's greatest gift is Jesus
- Michael Cook: Human dignity after death

### VIVALDI'S GLORIA

Gloria is an evening of magnificent sacred choral music, performed by over 40 singers and accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The programme spans over 500 years of sacred music and culminates in Vivaldi's Gloria, performed by choir, soloists and chamber orchestra. In an age when authentic sacred music plays an increasingly important role in the life of the Church, we hope this concert will offer an opportunity for people to encounter the richness of our musical and spiritual heritage. **One night only. Friday, 17 July** at 7.00pm in St Anne's Catholic Church, 47 Mitchell Street, North Bondi. Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/DMGXX>

### VENERABLE MARY AIKENHEAD ORATION 2026

Mary Aikenhead Ministries invites you to the Venerable Mary Aikenhead Oration 2026 with a keynote on Optimistic or Overwhelmed? Engaging in Tech in an Age of Optimisation to be delivered by A. Prof Victoria Lorrimar, Director of the Centre for Technology & Human Futures at the University of Notre Dame. This will be held on **Thursday, 23 July**. There is a Welcome Reception at 5.00pm with the Oration from 6.00 – 7.30pm which includes a Q & A. ((Online event will commence at 6:00pm). Details and registration: <https://maryaikenheadministries.com.au/venerable-mary-aikenhead-oration-2026/>

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Phillip Littlefield, Maria Chumki Gomes and Jovan Canindo.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Benedict Barkat, Maria Vali, Viola Franco, John Vella, Serenella Zanolli, Crocifissa Casciola, Carmen Abela, Beulah Brusutti, Stephen Secheney, Barbara Kell, Iris Moreno, Elisabetta De Giovanni, Rolando Ramos,

**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.**