

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 25 & 26 OCTOBER 2025

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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                                                                                |
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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>Sir 35:12-14, 16-19</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 18:9-14</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33:2-3, 17-19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/*



The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all  
their distress. *R/*

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ,  
to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The Rosary will conclude this coming Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>  
October in St Joseph's Church. All welcome.



## FEAST DAY MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

**ALL SAINTS DAY – Saturday, 1st November**

9.00am Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe  
6.30pm Rockdale

**ALL SOULS DAY – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Regular Sunday Mass times

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

The final Appeal for 2025 will be held **next weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November** with a third collection after Holy Communion. Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If the quota is not met, then the amount is taken from parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided and ticked appropriate boxes.

CWF

## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes may be found in our Churches. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. The donation for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November,** they are only available during the other months of the year.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

We would like to request a few new volunteers from the Bexley end of the parish to assist with money counting on Monday mornings at 8.00am. Previous cash handling experience would be an advantage. Please speak with Father Yacub if you can help.

## FIRST MONDAY HEALING MASS

For several years now, on the first Monday of each month, the 9.00am morning Mass at St Gabriel's Bexley has been a Healing Mass. The next Mass will be on **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH & SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO JOIN

# LITTLE JOEY'S PLAYGROUP

Every second Friday from 9.15am-10.30am  
(on most even weeks, during the school term)  
Remaining dates for 2025:  
**24th October**  
**7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas craft**



**ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:**  
Reading, craft, playdough, ball games, blocks, free play & prayer.

**YOU'LL FIND US AT:**  
St Joseph's church hall  
6 Parker St Rockdale  
(please enter through school office if gate is closed.)

**Please bring snacks and water for your child**

To enquire: [dona.sakr@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dona.sakr@syd.catholic.edu.au)



## YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

A retreat day for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, and for those still hoping to conceive will be held on **Saturday 22 November** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at St Martha's (formerly Sydney Catholic Schools), 38 Renwick St Leichhardt. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, you are not alone. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Onsite parking is available. The cost is \$40.00 per married couple (+ booking fees). To book visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1384481>

## SYDNEY SYNOD 2026

### FORMAL ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

Can you give Archbishop Fisher positive, practical, and faithful ideas to address the three longings of Sydney Catholics: that our liturgies be more prayerful, our communities more Christ-centred, and our Church in Sydney more mission-oriented? Formal online submissions will close at 11.59 pm this Friday, 31 October. Submit your ideas at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod/>.

## 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

- The Eucharistic devotion of PNG's first saint
- Synod consultations signal the way forward
- NSW report details pornography's harms
- Pope Leo meets with clergy abuse survivors
- Michael Cook: Is reading for pleasure a disappearing skill?
- Philippa Martyr: Reflections on choosing a spouse

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 16th November. Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion at 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and a labyrinth. General enquiries: Ann Lomas at [lomas@bigpond.com](mailto:lomas@bigpond.com) or 0437 340 250. Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house: Fr Michael Kelly [mkelley@silvestrini.org](mailto:mkelley@silvestrini.org) or 0455 329 607

## CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

The Catholic Bushwalking Club holds at least one walk each weekend, with other activities including abseiling, cross-country skiing, caving, canyoning and cycling. For more information, go to [www.cbcsnw.org.au](http://www.cbcsnw.org.au) or phone Robert on 0478919427

## 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anna Silvio, Norma Greenwood, Thomas McDermott, Yasmine & Tony Bazouni and Mary Pearce.

**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

"If disappointed, don't say hard things. Only think a little, pray a little, and try to remember that God will bring about what is best in God's own time, - and 'God's ways are not our ways'." 2.9.1882

