

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 19 & 20 JULY 2025

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias

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**Office hours:** Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

**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,<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>Gen 18:1-10</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Col 1:24-28</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 10:38-42</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 14:2-5

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. *R/*

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. *R/*

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *R/*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROOF APPEAL AND FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed so generously to the Arncliffe Roof Restoration Appeal. A total of the amount received during the 2025 financial year will be in next week's bulletin. The roof works have now been completed.

We also gratefully acknowledge those who are supporting the fundraising parish dinner, even if they are unable to attend. Your generosity continues to be deeply valued.

As this has been a significant project for our parish, we remain grateful for any further contributions towards the cost. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## 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.

## BAPTISMS

Welcome to Hallie & Chelsea Booth and Harrison Kent-Heinrich who will be baptised this Sunday at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special day



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

**Alleluia!**



## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

The Planned Giving envelopes and taxation receipts are also now available in your preferred church. Please collect them as soon as possible.

## PARISH DINNER

### TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!

### FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST AT BEXLEY RSL

**Tickets:** on sale after weekend Masses until 3rd August. **Don't delay, or you may miss out.**

\$25 for children 12 years and under,

\$55 for Pensioners,

\$60 for all others. **Sorry, cash sales only after Mass.**

Tickets can also be purchased from the Parish Office during office hours using credit card or cash.

**Time:** 5:30pm arrival for 6pm dinner

**Drinks:** Voucher for one free tea, coffee, or soft drink. Alcoholic drinks & additional tea/ coffee/ soft drinks are available for purchase at the bar.

**Parking:** Limited parking under the club. St Gabriel's church yard will be open for parking, across the road at the pedestrian lights. PLEASE use these lights to cross this road!

**Activities:** Games / Silent Auction / Raffle. **Please bring cash/coins for tickets and games.**

**Competition:** Best decorated table. **NO confetti, or sparkly bits please,** and **ALL** decorations must be taken away on the night.

If you are organising your friends/ family to come and wish to be seated together, or on adjoining tables let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. If we don't get early notice we may not be able to meet your preference(s). Early requests have filled the tables of 10.

We are still seeking donations towards the Raffle and the Silent Auction. If you, or if you know of people/ businesses that might like to donate an item, or gift card we would be very grateful to hear from you. Either call the Parish Office on 9567-1588, Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, or email [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au). Many thanks to the six people who have donated items.

Any funds raised will go towards the cost of the new roof on St Francis Xavier's Church. We look forward to your generous support and sincerely thank those of you who have already donated.

## FUNERAL

A Funeral Mass for the late Madeline Latham will be held in St Gabriel's Church this coming **Friday, 25th July at 2.30pm**. Please keep her family in your prayers.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This is an advance notice for families who live in the Parish and who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. A **parent** Information Evening will be held on **Thursday, 31st July** at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Hall. The actual Sacrament will be conferred in September. Children who are currently in Years 5 and 6 at school or above are eligible to be Confirmed. However, they must be Baptised Catholics and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Proof of reception of these Sacraments is a requirement.

If your child is not currently attending St Joseph's Primary, St Francis Xavier's Primary or St Gabriel's Primary, we ask that you email the parish office ([admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au)) to get an information letter about the Confirmation Program for 2025. The children must attend four instruction lessons during the weekends in August.

## 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

- Oz bishops call for surrogacy ban
- Serving God is all in the (Hui) family
- Josh's story: mean streets to Mother Church
- Lay evangelisation's roots in Sydney
- New doco honours ancient hymn
- Journo turns Catholic children's author

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

In the Jubilee year, this day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne and will take place for the fifth time next **Sunday 27 July 2025** on the theme 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (cf. Sir 14:2).

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00pm this **Sunday 20 July**. The history and background to the Aboriginal Mass. The speakers are Sr Carmel Pilcher rsj and Fr David Orr osb. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

## 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Franco Viola, Ilija Vucic, John Henry, Michael Deadman and Peter Hardman.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Grazia Ferrara, Maria Anne Nguyen, Socorro Flores, Betty Jarvis, Giuseppe Vetrivano, Catherine Baggott, Jean D'Souza, Jane Breen, Marianna Ciralo, Norma Dunne and Carmel Shephard.

**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

"Never murmur at what you don't understand and never listen to a murmurer." (17.12.1872)



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