

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 27 & 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias

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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>Amos 6:1,4-7</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Tim 6:11-16</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 16:19-31</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps 112:1-2,4-8

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R/*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord,  
who protects the stranger. *R/*

He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God,  
from age to age. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!



## CONGRATULATIONS FR YACUB

During the week Fr Yacub received a letter from His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher, appointing him to continue as the Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop's, Rockdale City from Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October for a further period of six years.

We congratulate Fr Yacub and assure him of our prayers as he continues his priestly ministry with us in our parish.



## MOVIE NIGHT AT KINGSGROVE PARISH

Our parishioners are invited to attend a movie night at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 89 Shaw St, Kingsgrove on **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 6.30pm for a viewing of **"Guadalupe, Mother of Humanity"**. Tickets are \$15 each and can be paid in cash at the Kingsgrove Parish Office or <https://www.trybooking.DFVMG>. A cup of tea will be provided and you are asked to bring your own comfortable picnic chair and snacks. Contact information for their parish office is 9150 9665 or email [info@olkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:info@olkingsgrove.org.au).

## 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.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND

Please remember that next weekend, **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October** reset your clocks to go **FORWARD** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. If you forget you might miss Sunday Mass.

### ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

Parishioners interested in applying for membership of Parish Finance Council (PFC) are invited to submit a written application. Applications are to be one A4 page, or less, and outline why you are interested in joining the Finance Council and what strengths and experience you would bring to Council deliberations. The Finance Council assists the Parish Priest in administering parish finances, in maintaining parish properties, in planning for future capital works, and in raising the necessary finances.

### ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Parishioners interested in applying to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are invited to submit a written application. Applications are to be one A4 page, or less, and outline why you are interested in joining the Pastoral Council and what strengths and experience you would bring to Council deliberations. The Council assists the Parish Priest meet the pastoral needs of parishioners by listening to the needs of the community and giving advice on how best to meet those needs. The Council works to produce effective outcomes for the enrichment of the Parish community, to develop a spirit of equity, and to listen to and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners.

Applications for both Councils will close at 9am, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Applications can be emailed to the office ([admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au)) or placed in the office letterbox at 13 Parker Street, Rockdale. Late applications will not be considered. Applicants will be advised, in writing, of the outcome of the selection process. The decision of the Parish Priest will be final.

*Fr Yacub Barkat PP*

### ST JOSEPH'S ENFIELD HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Enfield **next Friday, 3rd October** commencing at 7.00pm with The Rosary and Reconciliation between 7-8pm, 7.30pm Prayer and Praise and 8.00pm Mass followed by Exposition. The celebrant will be Fr Yacub Barkat. Parking at the rear of the church, enter via Baker St.

### BRIGHTON LE SANDS PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Our parishioners have been invited to join with St Thomas More's parishioners on **Monday 13th October** to attend a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park, in the Southern Highlands. A bus will depart promptly at 8.30am from St Thomas More's, Bay Street, Brighton Le-Sands. Lunch is BYO at 12.00pm and the return bus will depart the Shrine at 3.00pm. The cost for the day is **\$25.00 per person**, no concessions. **Please contact the parish office at St Thomas More on 9567 3589** for any enquiries or to book seats.

### ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** from this coming Wednesday, until 31<sup>st</sup> October in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



### 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.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

Join us for a creative and engaging holiday program exploring the life of Mary MacKillop on **Tuesday 1 October & Tuesday 8 October**, 10:30am–12:30pm. This is for children aged 6–12 (with parent/caregiver present). The cost is \$8 per child, and each session has different activities - come to one or enjoy both! To RSVP or learn more, visit [tinyurl.com/MMPSchoolHolidays](http://tinyurl.com/MMPSchoolHolidays) or email [helen.chan@mmp.org.au](mailto:helen.chan@mmp.org.au).

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH PERFORMANCE

You are invited to a special Artes Christi Chamber Orchestra, choir and soloists for a very special presentation of Handel's Messiah to be held on **Friday, 10 October** at St Anne's Catholic Church, 47 Mitchell St, North Bondi on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. This performance offers an opportunity to experience one of Christianity's greatest musical works in a sacred setting with Messiah telling the story of Christ's Birth, Passion, and Resurrection through Handel's sublime musical interpretation of Scripture. Tickets: Adults \$45, Concessions \$30. **Bookings essential** at: [www.trybooking.com/DEJGU](http://www.trybooking.com/DEJGU)

### ADVANCE NOTICE - SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2025

On **Friday, 14 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11 am to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. This is a great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/SydStreetFeast2025>

### 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:** Tina Dal Mas, Mark Delfino and Sr Clare Francis sm.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Trish Coleman; Alma Alewood, Caterina Bonfa, Luigi Mainente and Rustico Acasllar,

**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

"I trust that you keep up your spirits, and your trust and confidence in the goodness of God" 30.10.1880

