

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 4 & 5 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

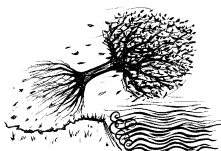
St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

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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: <b><i>Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4</i></b> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <b><i>2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14</i></b> ; Gospel: <b><i>Lk 17:5-10</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 94:1-2.6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. *R/*



Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the  
God who made us for he is our God and we the people  
who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. *R/*

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *R/*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!

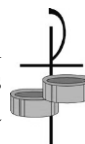
## ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady  
and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each**  
**evening at 6.00pm** until 31<sup>st</sup> October in St  
Joseph's Church, including weekends. All welcome.



## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Truc Nguyen and Nick McCallum  
who were married on Friday afternoon at St Francis  
Xavier's. May God's blessings be upon you for a  
lifetime of love and happiness.



## FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held for the late Maria Thi Dung  
Nguyen this coming **Wednesday, 8th October** at 10.30am  
in St Francis Xavier's Church. Please keep the Nguyen  
family in your prayers.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

The annual appeal for Catholic mission will be held **next weekend, 11 and 12 October** with a **third collection after Holy Communion** at all Masses. There are envelopes on the pews, and we ask that you take one home and return it next weekend. If you require a tax-deduction, please tick the box and fill in **ALL** the required information, **especially the amount** you are giving. If you wish to know more, please contact Catholic Mission 1800 257 296 or [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission).



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

### 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, on 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*

### MOVIE NIGHT AT KINGSGROVE PARISH

Our parishioners are invited to attend a movie night at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 89 Shaw St, Kingsgrove **next 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. For more information contact Kingsgrove Parish Office, 9150 9665 or email [info@olkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:info@olkingsgrove.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 next **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)

### 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.

### 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

- Conference a 'beautiful fruit' of women's ministry
- Vietnamese community renews Lakemba parish
- High school students enter the church
- School pronouns fight set to begin
- Supplement: 2025 Tertiary Guide

### FOUNDATION DAY & FAMILY FESTIVAL

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. FREE jumping castle and facepainting and the opportunity to purchase BBQ lunch, food stalls, drinks, snow cones and other stall. The day begins with a pre-program at 10:15am and confession will be available, 11.00am Holy Mass followed by procession, 12.15pm Lunch and fun family activities, 1.45pm Devotion with Benediction. For more details contact Sr. M. Rita 0493 026 62 or visit the website [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.org.au)

### 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, website: [www.cbncsw.org.au](http://www.cbncsw.org.au) or phone Robert on 0478919427.

### 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:** Maria Thi Dung Nguyen, Juanito Bulauan and Linda Rosales Perez.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy Molachino, Remo Di Matteo, Elia Karim, Maria Carnabuci, Salvatore Catalano, Lucrezia Farrugia and Mary Caruana.

**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

"Let us be entirely God's." 19.3.1874

