

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 5 & 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

**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>Ezek 33:7-9</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Rom 13:8-10</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 18:15-20</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – ps. 94:1-2.6-9**

**O that today you would listen to 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!**

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

**Alleluia!**



## FATHERS DAY

We wish all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and uncles this weekend. The male role-models in our lives are so important, and we thank them especially for their love and care. Let us also remember those who have died, and those families who have lost their fathers, especially during this past year.



## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL

**This weekend** we are holding the Priests' Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal with a **third collection following Holy Communion at all Masses**. Your donations are important in helping to build the Foundation which funds the practical needs of our sick and retired priests to give them a decent standard of living in their retirement years. We ask you as our parishioners to give this appeal your generous support. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Please make sure you fill in all the details to receive the tax deduction. Every donation, no matter how large or small, goes a long way towards helping this parish care for our sick and retired priests, and your support is greatly appreciated.

## FATHER YACUB ON LEAVE

After the Sunday morning Masses this Sunday, Father Yacub will be on his annual retreat with fellow priests. He will return to the parish on Friday. Please keep him in your prayers.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE #112

Can the Arncliffe parishioner who has the packet of Planned Giving Envelopes #112 for this financial year, please contact the parish office by email: [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) We need some further information from you please.

### BAPTISMS



This Sunday we welcome Joshua and Juliana Ferre and Lucas Cintra who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome their family and friends who join them on this very special occasion.

### SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Each of the churches have special Mass Offering envelopes for your use. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. A minimum donation for each offering is \$20.00. You are asked to place the request at least a week before you wish to have a Mass celebrated. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published.

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA: NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, call 1800 024 413 or visit [www.caritas.org.au/nepal](http://www.caritas.org.au/nepal)

### PADRE PIO FEAST CELEBRATIONS

Parishioners are invited to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in Glenmore Park Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

#### **Three-Day Triduum:**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Novena & Mass at 7pm.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>: Novena & Mass at 7pm.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>: Novena & Mass at 5.30pm.

#### **Feast Day Mass:**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Feast Day of St Padre Pio, 10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Feast Day Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities. For any enquiries, please contact the Glenmore Park office on 4789 2232.

### SACRED AUSTRALIAN JOURNEYS

If you are looking for short journeys with a religious theme, then Harvest Journeys might be worth looking at. In 2027 they offer a 10-night trip "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop from Melbourne to Adelaide, and two 8-night trips to Alice Springs and Uluru and two 5-night trips around Alice Springs. More information is available here: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/australian-sacred-journeys/>

### 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

- Nepal's road to recovery after disaster
- 'My miracle baby brought me to God'
- St Carlo relic takes Eucharistic mission nation-wide
- East-West pilgrimage unites students
- AI, human dignity, and the Catholic church
- Labor ministers urge caution on telehealth VAD

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

You are invited to join the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's Parish, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown followed by lunch at the convent on **Thursday, 24 September**. A special presentation and prayers will precede the Mass beginning at 10:30am. Please RSVP by 18 September via email at: [sydney@almamercy.org](mailto:sydney@almamercy.org)

### THE CALIX SOCIETY

Calix combines the wisdom of the Twelve Steps and the spiritual riches of the Catholic faith. For more information: [calixsydney@outlook.com](mailto:calixsydney@outlook.com) or [www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org)

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the Safeguarding Office on 9390 5800 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marco Tapia and Caterina Rizzo.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian Dwyer, Tina Dal Mas, Maria Lizzo, Gilda Camara, Carmen Bugeja, Pierina Ruaro, Maria Puglisi, Augustino & Maria Doan and Hiep Doan.

**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 hope that everything will turn out well for you and that you will in future, as in the past, do great things for God and God's poor ones." 15.5.1901

