



ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities - One Parish

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 11 & 12 APRIL 2026

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	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (Italian) 10.30am	9.00am
Sunday Masses		12.00pm (First Sunday only Urdu) 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)	5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday (Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (Benediction at 8.45am)
CONFESSIONS	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 st & 3 rd Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
BAPTISMS	10.00am 1 st Sunday of the month	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
	1 st Reading: <i>Acts 2:42-47</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Pet 1:3-9</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 20:19-31</i>		

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' *R/*

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. *R/*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. *R/*



FATHER YACUB ON LEAVE

Father Yacub will be taking leave to travel home to Pakistan from tomorrow, Monday, 13th April. He will return for the Masses on Sunday, 17th May. Please wish Father Yacub safe travels and a joyous time with his family.

Father Michael Stephan msc from Randwick parish, will be assisting Father Norvin with weekend Masses in Father Yacub's absence. Please welcome him when you meet him.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy and will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, with an observance of the Holy Hour, Benediction and Reconciliation at 2pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.

ATTENTION ACOLYTES AND CHOIR MEMBERS

If any parishioners signed up to attend the special Eucharistic Adoration training at St Thomas More's Parish, Brighton-le-Sands on **Saturday 16th May from, 10am-1pm** – please be advised that it is now being held in our parish hall and church at **St Joseph's Rockdale** on the same date and times. If you know of others who are attending, please let them know as not everyone reads this bulletin and our parish office staff, don't know who has actually signed up to do this training. *Fr Yacub.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe!

Alleluia!



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Please return your Project Compassion donation envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Please provide ALL your details and tick the relevant box on the slip provided if you wish to receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the financial year. It is not too late to donate to Project Compassion by Ph: 1800 024 413 or visiting their website: caritas.org.au/project-compassion



MAY ROSARY AT ST JOSEPHS

The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** commencing on Friday, 1st May until Sunday, 31st May in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

St Michael's Charismatic Prayer Group presents: A chance for a renewed encounter with God. The seminar series will run for seven weeks commencing **this Wednesday, 16th April** at 6.30pm at St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Carlton, The session and includes Rosary, Praise and Worship, and a talk with various priests and lay speakers.

SISTINE CHAPEL IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

From **16 May to 19 July**, the Sistine Chapel Immersive Exhibition will be presented on the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney. For the first time, visitors will step inside a purpose-built structure that evokes the breathtaking scale and splendour of the Sistine Chapel, using cutting-edge projection technology and ultra-high-resolution imagery sourced directly from the Vatican archives.

The exhibition unfolds across two distinct spaces. The Introductory Gallery offers an informative and engaging journey through the history, architecture, and purpose of the Sistine Chapel from its construction in the 15th century to its role in papal conclaves and its enduring significance as one of the world's most celebrated artistic achievements. The Immersive Projection Chamber, the centrepiece of the exhibition, presents a spectacular digital recreation of the chapel's interior. Surrounded by artistic masterpieces on a monumental scale and accompanied by guided narration, visitors are drawn into the sweeping story of salvation depicted in one of the most extraordinary works of sacred art ever created. Tickets and further information can be found at:

<https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au/>

CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS

This event will be hosted by the parish of St Catherine Labouré, Gynea and commences on **Monday, 4 May**. If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, then the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to serve as a channel of God's goodness to others. Places are limited. Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process.

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.

EUCHARIST28 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

- Archbishop Fisher shares reflections on women, joy of new Catholics
- Pope Leo preaches peace in his first Easter as pontiff
- Pope Leo names Bishop Daniel Meagher for Rockhampton
- Michael Cook: Pope Leo and Pete Hegseth

ADOREMUS AT ST BENEDICT'S, BROADWAY

You are invited to join others for an evening of adoration, formation, vespers, and fellowship. Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at St Benedict's Church, Broadway. Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLICCARE SERVICES/HOME CARE

CatholicCare Sydney offers a range of services to help you or a loved one remain happy and safe at home for longer. Our qualified and caring team can help you with:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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. 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: Genevieve O'Brien, Derek Lucas, Tina Guido, Fe Esperanza Dee and Luisa Loo Sy and Guido Galizia.

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Michael, Joan Morgan, Maria Maglione, Tess Dinan, Hien Dinh, Loat Dinh and Giuseppe Baldassarre.

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

"May God give you patience and courage in your sufferings." (March 1904)

