



# ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY



Three Communities - One Parish

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

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A - 6 & 7 JUNE 2026

**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

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am (Italian) 10.30am	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		12.00pm (First Sunday only Urdu) 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)	5.00pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	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)
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	10.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Deut 8:2-3,14-16</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Cor 10:16-17</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 6:51-58</i>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps 147:12-15.19-20**

**Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. *R/*

He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his work to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. *R/*

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

**BAPTISM**

This Sunday we welcome Lucia Chang who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome her family and friends.



**HEALING MASS**

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be concelebrating Mass at **St. Joseph's, Rockdale at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** with Fr Yacub. A Healing Service will follow the Mass. Fr. Justin has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intervention of Our Lady of Guadalupe and emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. We urge you to bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at the end of June.



**FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS**

Each of our three churches have Piety Stalls with appropriate gifts for children who will receive their First Holy Communion. Please support our parishes by giving a Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES**

We have several parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for the new financial year are now available in your regular church.

There are some minor changes to the numbering for *some* Planned Giving Envelopes to save the parish some money with printing costs for envelopes that are not being used. A few people may find their numbers will be changed as we have consolidated the numbers. Nothing will change to the receipting of your donations.

The last weekend for giving this financial year is the weekend of 27 & 28 June.

For online givers, you are asked to make your final donation for this current financial year, **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**. These donations take longer to show in the parish accounts and therefore need to be processed separately before the end of June.

## GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Tickets sales for the annual raffle, to support the work of Gabbies are now on sale for the next month at St Gabriel's Church. There are four beautiful prizes of patch-work quilts. **Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**. Thank you for your continued support.

## SISTINE CHAPEL IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

The Sistine Chapel Immersive Exhibition will be presented on the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney until **19 July**. 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 information can be found at: <https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au/>

## 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 on Sunday 21 June. The Topic: Still Relevant? Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Twenty-First Century will be presented by Fr Roderick O'Brien 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 and YouTube videos are on <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Chaldean Patriarch calls for renewal
- Archbishop urges Eucharistic devotion
- Poker machine losses soar in Sydney
- Universities face identity challenge
- See Vatican scholar Dr Mary Healy in Sydney

## 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

## EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – RENEWAL HAS BEGUN!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

But this is more than an event in Sydney. It is a national journey, an invitation to renewal for the whole Church, wherever we are. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes.

Across the Easter weekend, thousands of catechumens and candidates throughout Australia were baptised and received into full communion with the Church. Our churches were alive with faith—pews filled, hearts renewed.

It was a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be every week, not only at Christmas and Easter.

The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst.

How wonderful it would be to see our pews full every week—because people have truly encountered the living Lord in the Eucharist!

For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: [eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org)

*"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"* — Pope Saint John Paul II

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Myree Harris, rsj, Seamus Duignan and Desi Fitzgerald.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Adelina Macinante, William Mooney, Terry Hitchings, Sheila Larkin, Antonietta Abbon, Giuseppe Celin, Michael Maueri, Anne Duggan, Nunziatina Paratore, Teresa Mazzeo, Angela Biviano, Lora Sultana and Maria Laus.

**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 can only say I am most happy. I have my little annoyances and humiliations, it is true, but these only make me more happy." 26.4.1873

