



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Tax-deductible Receipts for the Financial Year 2023-2024 **are now available** for collection near the front door of each of our churches. Parishioners who do not require a tax-deductible receipt are also issued a statement of their donations to other charitable appeals for donations received by our parishes in the past financial year. If you have given to any of the special collections in the past year, e.g. Vinnies, CWF, Priest's Retirement Fund you will be issued with a parish receipt.

Parishioners who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System may contact the Parish Office on 9567 1558 or [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au). New enquiries are most welcome. ☺

### CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

In this cold weather, men and boys are reminded to remove caps and beanies **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.

### READ IT, PRAY IT, SHARE IT!

Our Parish Scripture teachers require classroom helpers to share the Catholic faith to over 180 students attending our local public schools located in Arncliffe, Bexley and Rockdale. A commitment of an hour per week (during school terms) is required either on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. A Working with Children Check is required, and mandatory training will be provided in Child Protection, Safeguarding Children, and Using the Authorised Curriculum.

Are you able to support our catechists in this rewarding and wonderful ministry of sharing the Good News? If you would like more information, please contact: Laura Argiro 0433 444 469 or Maree Ross 0428 103 758. Information about scripture in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

### CATHOLICCARE - FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Are you wanting to take back control of your finances? Has gambling on poker machines or sports betting been getting in the way of your life? Our Financial Counselling program may be for you, providing **free and confidential** support to adults impacted by gambling harm, be it yourself or a loved one. Our service helps those who are affected by all forms of gambling and provides support to impacted family members. Reach out to our team to access non-judgemental, impartial, and confidential support. To start your journey with us, call us on 13 18 19 or visit [catholiccare.org/financialcounselling](http://catholiccare.org/financialcounselling)

### HEALING MASS WITH FR JUSTIN TORRES

Fr Justin Torres who celebrated the Healing Mass last Tuesday in St Joseph's Church is celebrating another one in Mater Dei Church, Blakehurst on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August**. The format for the evening will include Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by praise and worship at 7:00pm and then healing Mass celebrated by Fr Torres.

### 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

- I'll be there." US Bishop Endorses Sydney's 2028 congress bid
- Matt Maher shares what's next for the Eucharistic Revival
- Relic of St Charbel comes to Revesby
- Cana Communities: A family, not just a charity
- Disciple Diaries: Young rebel becomes a pillar of strength
- Fr Joshua Miechels: Atheism is the enemy of true masculinity

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

If you or a friend have been unable to or are struggling to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or stillbirth, please consider attending the "You Are Not Alone" retreat day held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the St Martha's Leichhardt. The day is facilitated by the Emmanuel Community with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team and will include Mass, talks, prayer, reflections, and time for couples. **Saturday, 19 October** at St Martha's, Leichhardt Registrations close on 15 October. Register and more information at [www.trybooking.com/1183690](http://www.trybooking.com/1183690).

### 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.

### COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many parishioners, especially the elderly.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell or even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.
- When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable distancing from others who are in the line. Please wait until there is space before joining the queue.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Denise Annetts.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paulo Taufa, Grazia Ferrara, Marie Bates, Susan Cani, Delia Oke, Anna Landi, Orencio and Samuel Festa and Catherine Leyesa.

**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 teach us all patience and the prudence we require." (17.11.1879)

