ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 24 & 25 OCTOBER 2026

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat **Assistant Parish Priests** – Fr Norvin Dias and Fr Miguel Perez Campos

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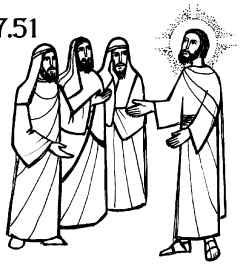
Office Staff: Ms Fransiska Widjaja and Mrs Monica Chappell
Office hours: Monday to Thursday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

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
WEEKEND MASSES **Saturday Vigil** **Sunday Masses**	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am *(Italian)* 10.30am 12.00pm *(First Sunday only Urdu)* 6.00pm *(Third Sunday only Filipino)*	------- 9.00am 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 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
BAPTISMS	10.00am 1st Sunday of the month	11.30am 2nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3rd 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.		
1st Reading: ***Ex 22:20-26;*** 2nd Reading: ***1Thess 1:5-10;*** Gospel: ***Mt 22:34-40***			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 17:2-4.47.51

I love you, Lord, my strength.



I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. ℟

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. ℟

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

FAMILY MASS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIERS POSTPONED

The Family Mass for the students, staff and families of St Francis Xavier's Primary that was mentioned in last weekend's parish bulletin for today will now be included in the special combined schools Family Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday, 1st November at 10.30am. >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FATHER NORVIN



Father Norvin leaves our parish this Sunday following the 10.30am concelebrated Mass. We thank him for his time with us and his prayerful ministry. Father will travel to India for some long-service leave and to celebrate Christmas with his family and in January he will take up a new position in a parish in Melbourne. We wish him all the best for the future. Many thanks from us all Father Norvin! ☺

SPECIAL ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Our three parish primary schools, St Joseph's Rockdale, St Gabriel's Bexley and St Francis Xavier's Arncliffe and Marist College Kogarah will be holding a very special Mass **next Sunday, 1st November** at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church. This will be a celebration of All Saints Day and all children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite saint. Fr Yacub will generously be giving a memento to all children that dress up. The schools will be organising the Mass and we hope children from local state schools and many of our parish families will come along and join in. We ask if you are bringing children in a costume that you **please RSVP via this barcode.** Mass will be followed by a morning tea.

The St Francis Xavier's Family Mass that was to be held this Sunday will now be celebrated next Sunday with all the schools.

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

This year, the Feast of All Souls is on **Monday, 2nd November**. Therefore, there will be a Mass in each of our churches on the day.

- 9.00am at St Gabriels
- 10.30am at St Francis Xaviers
- 7.00pm at St Josephs

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

The final Appeal for 2026 will be held **next weekend, 31 October & 1 November** with a third collection after Holy Communion. Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If the quota is not met, then the amount is taken from parish funds. Donations over $2 are tax deductible but please make sure you have completed **All** the details required on the special envelopes provided.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

- A Requiem Mass for the late Kevin Ryan will be held at St Gabriel's at 11.30am this coming **Thursday, 29th October**.
- A Requiem Mass for the late David Eccleston will be held at St Gabriel's Church at 10.00am, this coming **Friday, 30th October**.

Please keep their families in your prayers at this sad time.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER



The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. Rosary will be recited each weekday evening at 6.00pm and at 5.00pm on Saturday and Sunday evenings until next Saturday 31st October at St Joseph's.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are now available at our churches. Please endeavour to have your Mass Offering for November in the collection plates by **Sunday, 1st November**. This will enable your loved ones to be prayed for during the whole month of November.

There will be no individual Mass offerings during November as we pray for all our deceased loved ones.

ATTENTION: FILIPINO PARISHIONERS

Catalyst for Renewal invites you to Q & A in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor St, The Rocks **this Sunday, 25th October** from 1.30pm – 3.00pm to meet an Australian Theologian. Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez is a Catholic Systematic Theologian with an international reputation. She will speak on her most recent research. "Life is transformed, not ended: Christianity and Philippine spirit ancestor belief" The MC will be Deacon Adrian Gomez who is a Catholic Chaplain in the Royal Australian Navy. There is no need to book. Suggested Donation: $10

SYDNEY STREET FEAST-VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

On **Friday 13 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11.00am to 2.00pm. 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. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Please register your interest at: https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-street-feast-2026-volunteer-registration

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

- Pope Leo's recovery continues
- Renewing our sacramental mission
- Fr Iacono celebrates 50 priestly years
- Let's Walk with Christ together
- Special feature: a spotlight on sacred arts

WALK WITH CHRIST

The annual Walk with Christ will take place on **Sunday, 22nd November** commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place. It will be preceded by a festival in Martin Place starting at 1:00pm. Our parish will walk together as a group at this procession, with a parish banner. The annual Walk With Christ procession will be a preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, Please gather with fellow parishioners and join us.

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. 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin Ryan and David Eccleston.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Ken Sargent, Barry Maurer, Elizabeth Thurston, Ron Grasso, Carmine, Maria, Rocco & Stefano Barbaro, Mary Mohareb, Loat & Man Dinh, Hen Hoang and Kitty & Noel Cooney.

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



"Hoping that you will patiently do your best to encourage those confided in your care."

To a Sister 15.4.1890