



ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities - One Parish

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 18 & 19 APRIL 2026

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SCHOOLS: **St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg
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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 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 Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Acts 2:14, 22-33</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Pet 1:17-21</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 24:13-35</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15:1-2.5.7-11
Lord you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. *R/*



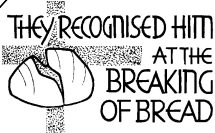
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *R/*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. *R/*

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!



FATHER YACUB ON LEAVE

Father Yacub is on leave. He will return for the Masses on Sunday, 17th May. Please keep Father in your prayers and we hope he has a joyous time with his family.

ATTENTION ACOLYTES AND CHOIR MEMBERS

If any of our 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 signed up to do this training.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Alexander and Scarlett Cheng who will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their family and friends who join them on their special day.



MAY ROSARY AT ST JOSEPH'S

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



THANK YOU FROM PROJECT COMPASSION!

If you still have a donation envelope or money box at home, please put it on a collection plate by next weekend as we need to finalise the donations with Caritas. 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. If you still wish to donate, please do so by phone 1800 024 413 or visiting their website: caritas.org.au/project-compassion



ANZAC EVE MASS

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites us to commemorate the sacrifices of our retired and active defence personnel and those who died in the line of defence this coming **Friday 24th April** from 6:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

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/>

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION

The Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to attend the celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday 9th May**. An entrance procession down the main Cathedral aisle with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) will commence at 11.30am with the Rosary followed by the Litany of Loreto, the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Fatima Prayers. Mass will follow at 12 Noon. Our Spiritual Director Fr. Roberto Keryakos will be the Principal Celebrant. We welcome you to pray for our world in need of so much prayer. For further details please call us on 0403 578 994.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System for the coming New Financial Year 2026-2027, are asked to contact the Parish Office via email: admin@mmlrc.org.au and give some contact details. **There is a 30% Tax Deduction incentive** available if you are a wage earner and lodge a Tax Return at the end of each financial year. This is a positive way of supporting our parishes. Please consider our appeal as it really helps our parish finances if we have a known weekly income.

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

- Sydney-based Chaldean archbishop elected global patriarch
- Vinnies Vans boosted by \$250,000 donation
- Light to the Nations retreat draws 1,200 young people
- US bioethicist warns of risks posed by AI
- Thoughts on the legacy of Pope Francis

CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS

This event will be hosted by the parish of St Catherine Labouré, Gympie 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.

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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Marj (Gabriel) Carroll OSU.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gayus Donoghue, Pasquale Mazzeo, Patricia Campanella, Giuseppina Tasselli, Giuseppe Gioia, Vera Zihner, Li Ng Kuen, Philomena & Maria Dinh, Mathew & Kanchan Rozario, Slavko Blazevic and Chan Kwong Kau.

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

"Let self be forgotten and let God's glory, His will and the general good absorb our thoughts, deliberations actions." 16.10.1898

