

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 15 & 16 NOVEMBER 2025

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Office hours: Monday to Friday: 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 <i>(Italian)</i> 10.30am 12.00pm <i>(First Sunday only Urdu)</i> 6.00pm <i>(Third Sunday only Filipino)</i>	----- 9.00am 5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday <i>(Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm)</i> 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday <i>(Benediction at 8.45am)</i>
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>Mal 3:19-20</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>2 Thess 3:7-12</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 21:5-19</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 97:5-9

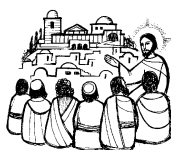
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the king, the Lord. *R/*

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. *R/*

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and peoples with fairness. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Benjamin McDonald, Leon Daniele-Maire at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them today.



FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 23rd November, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a Family Mass for the students, families and staff of St Joseph's Primary and Marist College Kogarah, Morning tea will follow the Mass.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes may be found in our Churches. Please place them in the collection plates. The donation for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November**, they are only available during the other months of the year.

CHRISTIAN "BREAKTHROUGH" RETREAT

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite you to their "breakthrough" Retreat to experience God's transformative power in your life. This will be held in St Joseph's Hall, Rockdale **next Saturday, 22nd November** from 1.00 – 5.00pm. The retreat will include praise and worship, talk from the guest speaker, prayer ministry and fellowship. The guest speaker is Brian Welsh, a Catholic lay evangelist. Bookings essential, for enquiries and bookings, contact Helen 0433 455 114 or Esperance 0407 749 182 or email jlowcommunity@gmail.com Afternoon tea provided.

FATHER NORVIN ON LEAVE

Father Norvin is on annual leave until early December. Please keep him in your prayers that he will travel safely and enjoy this time with his family.

SISTERS OF LIFE - ADVENT RETREAT

Catholic Women's Network are delighted to be hosting the Sisters of Life for an Advent retreat. Join us on **Saturday, 29 November** from 1 – 5pm at St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe. for an afternoon of reflection and quiet prayer time in preparation for the Advent season under the theme 'No longer forsaken: the Lord delights in you' (Isaiah 62). The mini-retreat will include input from the Sisters of Life, quiet time, access to the Sacrament of Confession and a Holy Hour. Set aside an afternoon to enter into the stillness and quiet and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Limited spaces available. Light refreshments included. Cost: \$25 per person. Group discounts available. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/DFBJT>

THE PERENNIAL WISDOM OF EVANGELII NUNTIANDI WITH DR RALPH MARTIN

We know that millions of Australians do not know or have forgotten the love of Christ. How do we reach out to them if they aren't coming to us? Join renowned author, speaker, and scholar, Dr Ralph Martin as he shares insights from the Church's guiding document, On Evangelisation in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi), along with his experience of sharing the Gospel for over 50 years. This will be held on **Monday, 8 December** from 8:00 – 9:00pm via ZOOM. RSVP at gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

Join us in a beautiful torchlight procession as we honour Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. The evening begins at the church. The Recital of the Rosary will take place with a candlelit walk to the grotto, where we will conclude in prayer. Candles will be available at the church doors. This will be held on Monday, 8th December at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood (Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes). All are welcome and bring your family and friends to share in this special night of faith and community.

PALMS INTERNATIONAL

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change! Discover Palms International Volunteering online in these two special ONLINE sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our GAP YEAR opportunities for **(18-25yo)** Year 12 graduates and university students that could shape your future. This will be on Thursday 4 December at 6pm or 9pm AEDT.

2. Join our TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026. This will be held on Monday 8 December from 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT.

Venue is ONLINE. Register at palms.org.au/events Ph. 02 9560 5333 or palms@palms.org.au

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

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

- Nigerian Christians' plight comes to light
- Red November highlights religious freedom concerns
- UTS plans to drop palliative care courses
- Christmas at the Cathedral theme is revealed
- A Jubilee pilgrimage to the rural heart of NSW

YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

A retreat day for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, and for those still hoping to conceive will be held next **Saturday 22 November** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at St Martha's (formerly Sydney Catholic Schools), 38 Renwick St Leichhardt. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, you are not alone. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Onsite parking is available. The cost is \$40.00 per married couple (+ booking fees). To book visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1384481>

JESUIT & IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA

This Advent, we invite you to journey with us with five waiting prayers — one for each week of Advent, and one for Christmas Eve. Each prayer offers words and imagery to guide your reflection: a moment to pause, breathe, and rest in God's presence. We warmly welcome you to join us. There is no cost to participate, though you may wish to make a voluntary gift to support our ministry. Please register here - <https://book.venue.life/pch/register/five-waiting-prayers> May this Advent be a time of anticipation, faith, and deep hope.

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. 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Gilsenan, Margaret Bet, Maria Bini, Milan Krakic, Virgilio Carrabs, Chiara Morici, Maria Grskovic, Michael Giardullo, Maria Giardullo, Tina Fasanella, Norma Newton, Francis Xavier Ca Huu Nguyen, Giuseppe Monforte and Giuseppe Bruno.

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

"Really God is so good." 3.9.1878

