

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

This weekend 16/17 September at all the Masses we will be having a guest speaker from the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international Congregation founded in France in 1839 by St Jeanne Jugan. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. They have a home for the elderly in Randwick where they have been caring for them with very limited resources for over 132 years. Many of their residents are our retired priests. The Sisters rely on Providence and the generosity of friends and benefactors to help them to provide extra comforts for their Residents and to maintain the ongoing improvements of their Home. At the moment, they are upgrading their fire system, which is a requirement, and so are in need of extra funds. They appreciate very much your anticipated support to their mission.



Following the Masses on this weekend, the Sisters will be outside the church doors to enable parishioners to give a donation to assist the Sisters in their care of the elderly. Please bring a few extra \$\$ and help boost their funds. ☺

PADRE PIO NOVENA

Parishioners are invited to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in Glenmore Park Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

Three Day Triduum:

Thursday 21 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Friday 22 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Saturday 23 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 5.30pm.

Feast Day Mass:

Sunday 24 September: Feast Day of St Padre Pio, 10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Feast Day Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities.

For any enquiries, please contact the Glenmore Park office on 4789 2232.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

VIRTUOUS MAN: MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a Silent Retreat for Men from 20-22 October at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Two more men accept the challenge of priesthood
- Calvary inquiry recommends no ACT investigation into hospital sale
- Archbishop's Awards recognise student excellence
- Women's ministry with Helena Roumanus
- Monica Doumit: Synod media blackout will have opposite effect

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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS MOROCCO / LIBYA

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

PARISH WEBSITE: www.mmrc.org.au

Have you visited our parish website yet? The website combines the Mary MacKillop Rockdale City (Arncliffe and Rockdale) and St Gabriel's Bexley. The Parish Bulletin is uploaded each week if you can't get to Mass. You can make secure online payments and donations through the "Support the Parish" page or contact the Parish Office through the "Contact Us" page to make enquiries, Mass offerings or to volunteer your time in any of our Parish ministries.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

"You are not alone" is a retreat day for couples who are struggling or have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or stillbirth. The day will be held on the **7th October** at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa and will include meals, talks, prayer, reflection, and sharing. The Emmanuel Community will facilitate the retreat with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited. Couples should RSVP by the 2nd of October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CKWXP>

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still recommended in churches, as Covid is still very much in our local community.**
- **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.

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: Annette Dubois, Rino Bergamo, Danilo Dumances Ayco and Marcelle Shalhoub,

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 am full of hope in God who has been so good to us all." 28.11.1898

