

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 26 & 27 JULY 2025

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias

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**Office hours:** Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

**SCHOOLS:** **St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson  
**St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg  
**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

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| <b>WEEKEND MASSES</b><br><b>Saturday Vigil</b><br><b>Sunday Masses</b>                                                 | 5.00pm Saturday<br>9.00am                                                                                                                        | 6.30pm Saturday<br>9.00am <i>(Italian)</i> 10.30am<br>12.00pm <i>(First Sunday only Urdu)</i><br>6.00pm <i>(Third Sunday only Filipino)</i> | -----<br>9.00am<br>5.00pm                                                             |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>                                                                                                  | 9.00am Wednesday<br>9.00am Friday                                                                                                                | 7.00pm Tuesday <i>(Devotions,<br/>Exposition, Benediction<br/>&amp; Rosary from 5.30pm)</i><br>9.00am Thursday                              | 9.00am Monday<br>9.30am Thursday<br>9.00am Saturday<br><i>(Benediction at 8.45am)</i> |
| <b>CONFESSIONS</b>                                                                                                     | 4.00 – 4.30pm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month                                                                         | 5.30 – 6.00pm<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month                                                                    | 8.00 – 8.40am Saturday                                                                |
| <b>BAPTISMS</b>                                                                                                        | 10.00am<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month<br>Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours. | 11.30am<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month                                                                                              | 10.00am<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month                                        |
| <b>WEDDINGS</b>                                                                                                        | Monday to Saturday by appointment.                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Gen 18:20-32</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Col 2:12-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 11:1-13</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 137:1-3,6-8**

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. *R/*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. *R/*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *R/*

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You have received the Spirit  
which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.  
**Alleluia!**



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This is an advance notice for families who live in the Parish and who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. **The parent Information Evening will be held this coming Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> July** at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Hall. A parent is expected to attend the meeting. The actual Sacrament will be conferred in September. Children who are currently in Years 5 and 6 at school or above are eligible to be Confirmed. However, they must be Baptised Catholics and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Proof of reception of these Sacraments is a requirement.

If your child is not currently attending St Joseph's Primary, St Francis Xavier's Primary or St Gabriel's Primary, we ask that you email the parish office ([admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au)) to get an information letter about the Confirmation Program for 2025. The children must attend four instruction lessons during the weekends in August.

## FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY

**This Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**, parishioners are invited to join with students, staff and families from St Joseph's Primary, Marist College and local public schools at the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's. Morning tea will follow the Mass in the school grounds. All welcome! ☺

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

**PARISH DINNER**  
**ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO!!**

**FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST AT BEXLEY RSL**

**Tickets:** on sale after weekend Masses until 3rd August. **Don't delay, or you may miss out.**

\$25 for children 12 years and under,

\$55 for Pensioners,

\$60 for all others. **Sorry, cash sales only after Mass.**

Tickets can also be purchased from the Parish Office during office hours using credit card or cash.

**Time:** 5:30pm arrival for 6pm dinner

**Drinks:** Voucher for one free tea, coffee, or soft drink. Alcoholic drinks & additional tea/ coffee/ soft drinks are available for purchase at the bar.

**Parking:** Limited parking under the club. St Gabriel's church yard will be open for parking, across the road at the pedestrian lights. **PLEASE use these lights** to cross this road!

**Activities:** Games / Silent Auction / Raffle. **Please bring cash/coins for tickets and games.**

**Competition:** Best decorated table. **Please NO glitter or confetti** and **ALL** decorations must be taken away with you at the end of the night.

If you wish to be seated with friends or family, or on adjoining tables let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. **The tables of 10 are filled**, leaving tables of 8, 6, and 4. We will do our best to meet your preference(s).

Donations are still needed for the Raffle and the Silent Auction. If you, or if you know of people/ businesses that might like to donate an item, or gift card we would be very grateful to hear from you. Either call the Parish Office on 9567-1588, Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, or email [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au). Many thanks to the six people who have donated items.

Funds raised will go towards the cost of the new roof on St Francis Xavier's Church. We sincerely thank those of you who have already made a donation towards the roof.

**CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)**

**Next weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> August** will be the first of three appeals for this financial year for the Charitable Works' Fund. The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the archdiocese: hospital, gaol and university chaplaincies, the deaf community, the aboriginal community, seminarians preparing for priesthood, CatholicCare and resources for catechists visiting state schools to name just a few.

Each parish is given a quota to fund each appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If this quota is not met, then the shortfall comes from our parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, but please make sure you have completed **ALL** the details required on the envelopes provided. Many thanks for your ongoing support of this important work within the archdiocese.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS**

The Planned Giving envelopes and taxation receipts are also now available in your preferred church. Please collect them as soon as possible.

**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**

- Pilgrims journey to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth
- Four Sydney Catholics receive Papal Honours
- Fathers and Sons prepare to walk Sydney's Camino
- NSW CEO slams Education Secretary for stance on private education

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROOF APPEAL  
AND FUNDRAISING SUPPORT**

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed so generously to the Arncliffe Roof Restoration Appeal. A total of the amount received during the 2025 financial year was **\$11453.08**.

We also gratefully acknowledge those who are supporting the fundraising parish dinner, even if they are unable to attend. Your generosity continues to be deeply valued.

As this has been a significant project for our parish, we remain grateful for any further contributions towards the cost. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

Each of our churches need people to volunteer to be Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist at weekend Masses. You will need to have a Working With Children Check which is obtainable through Service New South Wales website. There is no charge for this for volunteers. If you feel you would be available to assist, please speak with Father Yacub or Father Norvin.

**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.

**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:** Madeline Latham, Bartolina Manfre, Svetka Sango and Warren Clarke.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paulo Taufa, Marie Bates, Susan Cani, Delia Oke, Anna Landi, Joseph & Cecilia Teo, Dragica Dragovic, David Williams and deceased Passionist Sisters.

**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**

"Be on your guard against exaggerating in the smallest matters." (17.12.1872)

