

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 8 & 9 AUGUST 2026

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priests – Fr Norvin Dias and Fr Miguel Perez Campos

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**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

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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: <b>1 Kg 19:9. 11-13</b> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <b>Rom 9:1-5</b> ; Gospel: <b>Mt 14:22-33</b> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 84:9-14**

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R/*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. *R/*

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. *R/*



**HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS**

We wish all our parishioners a very Happy Feast of St Mary MacKillop this Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August. Please keep all parishioners and the Sisters of St Joseph in your prayers.

**MARIAN GARDEN BLESSING AT ST JOSEPH'S**

**This Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August**, the new Marian Garden at the front of St Joseph's Church at Rockdale will be blessed by Father Yacub following the 10.30am Mass. A sausage sizzle will follow afterwards to celebrate our parish feast day. **All welcome.**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation** and this year the Feast falls next Saturday. Therefore, there will be two Vigil Masses on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August** 6.30pm at St Francis Xavier's AND 7.00pm at St Joseph's. There is the regular 9.00am Mass at St Gabriel's on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August** which is the actual Feast Day.

**CHANGED MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Next week from August 10 – 13**, there will be changes to weekday Masses as our priests will all be attending the annual Archdiocesan Clergy Conference on the Central Coast. Therefore, the only weekday Mass from Monday to Thursday will be on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am in Bexley.**

There will be Mass celebrated at St Bernadette's Carlton on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30am this week.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

**Alleluia!**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE #112**

Can the parishioner who has the packet of Planned Giving Envelopes #112 for this financial year, please contact the parish office by email: [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) We need some further information please.

## CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

 Thank you to those who contributed to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal held last weekend. Your ongoing financial support of the archdiocese's initiatives is very much appreciated. Donations are still being accepted and may be placed in a CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.

## ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for Adults by Bishop Richard Umbers at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 25 October** at 10.30am Solemn Mass. If there are any parishioners who have been Baptised and received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist but were never Confirmed, this is their opportunity to be fully received into the Catholic Church. They must be over the age of 16 and have a copy of their Baptism Certificate. There will be some instruction given before Confirmation can take place. If you are interested, please email the parish office by **next Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August** at [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) and we will get back to you when there is more information.

## PLANNED GIVING TAXATION RECEIPTS

The Planned Giving receipts are now available in your preferred church. Please collect them as soon as possible. Any packets of envelopes that haven't been picked up will be at the parish office. Please contact the staff to pick them up there between Monday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill, at 2:00pm **next Sunday, 16 August**. The Topic: Fr Ted Kennedy and Redfern - A Personal Reflection will be presented by Danny Gilbert. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos, are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, **next Sunday, 16 August**. Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start; presentations; introduction to meditation; Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks; Mass at 2.00pm; conclusion around 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided; please BYO picnic lunch. There are extensive grounds and labyrinth/maze. General enquiries: Ann Lomas [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) / 0437 340 250

## Discover and share in our story

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, its history and heritage.

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Tuesday – Thursday  
10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment  
Free entry, parking available  
Bookings recommended



*You too are part of this continuing and living heritage and we'd love to welcome you.*



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## 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

- Day for women's health brings hope and healing
- People are not data to be 'optimised', says expert
- The migrant story behind 95-year old devotion
- Pope honours Dr Sandra Lynch and Michael King
- Gen Z tech professional's warning about mixing AI and faith
- CW's guide to university open days

## RCIA PROGRAM 2026

On **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August** the RCIA Program will commence for those people seeking to become Catholic. The preparation lessons will be held in the Presbytery at 13 Parker St, Rockdale at 7.30pm. This is up the hill from Rockdale Centrelink at the top of the cul-de-sac on the right-hand side, opposite St Joseph's School. It's next to the parish office. If anyone would like to join the group and has not given their name to the parish office, please do so this coming week to [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au)

## 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](mailto: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.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Therese Worboys, Sr Clara Dal Santo, Maria Varacalli, Bartola Mandile, Dorothy Molloy, Giuseppe Casagrande and John Samuel.

**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

"When I want something very much, I thank God beforehand for I feel God will certainly grant what He has been thanked for." 3.5.1874

