



# ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities - One Parish

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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 25 & 26 APRIL 2026

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat      **Assistant Parish Priests** – Fr Norvin Dias and Fr Miguel Perez Campos



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**Office hours:** Monday to Thursday: 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   |
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| <b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>  | 5.00pm Saturday  | 6.30pm Saturday   | -----  |
| <b>Saturday Vigil</b>  | 9.00am   | 9.00am (Italian)      10.30am   | 9.00am   |
| <b>Sunday Masses</b>   |  | 12.00pm (First Sunday only Urdu)  | 5.00pm   |
|  |  | 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)   |  |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>  | 9.00am Wednesday<br>9.00am Friday  | 7.00pm Tuesday (Devotions,<br>Exposition, Benediction<br>& Rosary from 5.30pm)<br>9.00am Thursday | 9.00am Monday<br>9.30am Thursday<br>9.00am Saturday<br>(Benediction at 8.45am) |
| <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>Acts 2.14, 36-41</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Pet 2.20-25</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 10.1-10</i> |  |   |  |

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22.1-6

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *R/*

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

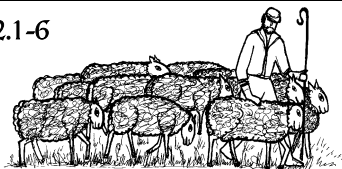
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *R/*

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *R/*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

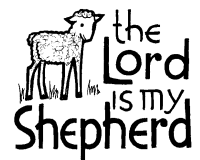
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *R/*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
**Alleluia!**



### NEW ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST

This week the parish received information from Archbishop Anthony Fisher that we have a new Assistant Priest. Fr Miguel Perez Campos moved into the parish during the week, so when you seen him, please make him feel welcome. 😊 I will remain here as Assistant Priest until further notice. *Fr Norvin*

### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

**Next weekend 2 & 3 May** across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the final appeal for the current financial year (and the first of three appeals for this calendar year) will be held to assist the Archbishop in funding some of the special works of the Archdiocese. Some of these works include chaplaincies to gaols, universities and the deaf community, ministry to the aboriginal community, those preparing for marriage, CatholicCare, the training of priests and the work of catechists in state schools. You will notice the envelopes on the church pews for this appeal. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. You may care to take an envelope home with you and return it next weekend. Thank you for your ongoing support of these important works.


### FATHER YACUB ON LEAVE

Father Yacub is on leave and will return in mid May.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be administered at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.30am. If there are any parishioners over the age of 18 years, who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion but have not yet been Confirmed, please email the parish office [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) by this coming Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a couple of preparation lessons to attend before you can be Confirmed.

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> May** (including weekends) in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with others reciting the Rosary. 

## 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@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.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 regular weekly income.

If there are any recently retired parishioners who currently donate through the envelopes but who may want to change to a 'non-tax receipt' category, they are asked to please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

**All new enquiries are welcome. 😊**

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT PROCESS

This event will be hosted by the parish of St Catherine Labouré, GyMEA 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 but please register at [gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process).

## 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.

## ST MARY WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Let us be united in prayer and we shall be strong."  
26.9.1884



## EUCARIST28 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

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## "HEARTS ON FIRE" PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Jesus Light of the World Community invites you to "Hearts on Fire" Pentecost Celebration on **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May** from 1.00 – 5.30pm in St Joseph's Hall. The presenter is Ron Maldigri and the day will include rosary, praise and worship, a talk, a prayer of empowerment, and fellowship. Booking Essential, Afternoon Tea Provided. Phone enquiries: Helen: 0433 455 114 / Esperance: 0407 749 182 or email: [jlwcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlwcommunity@gmail.com)

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 information can be found at: <https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au/>

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eduard Vajdik, John Wilmott, Maria Maglione, Rafael Ripoll, John Drake, Margaret Devi, Clara Acellar and Dawn Gaudron.

**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.**