ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – YEAR A – 21 & 22 NOVEMBER

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat **Assistant Parish Priest** – Fr Miguel Perez Campos

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Office Staff: Ms Fransiska Widjaja and Mrs Monica Chappell
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

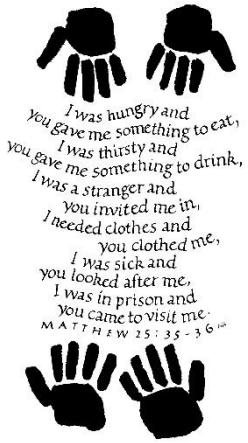
	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES **Saturday Vigil** **Sunday Masses**	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am *(Italian)* 10.30am 12.00pm *(First Sunday only Urdu)* 6.00pm *(Third Sunday only Filipino)*	------- 9.00am 5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday *(Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm)* 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday *(Benediction at 8.45am)*
CONFESSIONS	4.00 – 4.30pm 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
BAPTISMS	10.00am 1st Sunday of the month	11.30am 2nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1st Reading: ***Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17;*** 2nd Reading: ***1Cor 15:20-26, 28;*** Gospel: ***Mt 25:31-46***			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 22:1-3.5-6

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

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



You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ℟

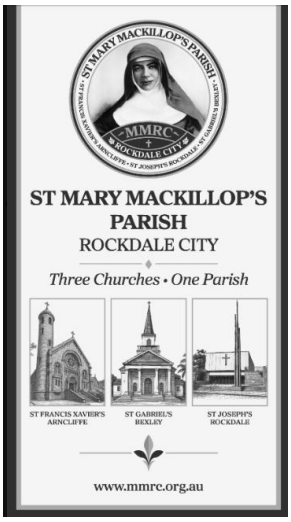
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ℟

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!



WALK WITH CHRIST



This Sunday many of our parishioners will attend the annual Walk with Christ procession in the streets of the city. The procession commences at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place. It will be preceded by a festival in Martin Place starting at 1:00pm. Our parish will walk together as a group in this procession, with a parish banner. This is the new banner for our parish, so please look out for it. The annual ***Walk With Christ*** procession will be a preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, Please gather with fellow parishioners and join us. The meeting point for MMRC parishioners in the city will be at the Rolex building on the corner of Martin Place and Castlereagh St.

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.



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

BAPTISM



This Sunday we welcome Leon Erriquez and his family and friends who join him at St Gabriel's to celebrate his special day.

FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY AT ST GABRIELS

Next Sunday, 29th November, the 9.00am Mass at St Gabriel's will be a Family Mass for the students, families and staff of St Gabriel's Primary School and local public schools. Please welcome them all.

PRAY WITH OTHERS USING THE 2026 SYDNEY ADVENT-CHRISTMAS COMPANION: COME LET US ADORE HIM

Many people, including those who do not go to Mass, would welcome an opportunity to pray with someone; they just need someone to invite them! Advent is a wonderful time to learn—or to develop—the art of inviting others to pray with you. If you would benefit from some guidance, ideas, or encouragement, register for our final online workshop on Friday 20 November at 12.00pm. The Companion booklets are now available in the churches. Please register at: https://www.trybooking.com/DQSRR

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT KING STREET – COME AND SING WITH US!

Fr Yacub warmly invites all parishioners, families and friends and any neighbouring parishes, to join us for an evening of Christmas carolling at King Street Mall, Rockdale on **Sunday, 20 December** from 8 – 9pm. Whether you would like to join our carolling group or simply sing along with everyone on the night, we would love to have you with us! Let's come together through music and song to share the joy of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus. **Everyone is welcome!**

CHRISTMAS MASSES AND RECONCILIATIONS

RECONCILIATIONS

Bexley Saturday 19th December – 8.00am – 8.45am
Arncliffe Saturday 19th December – 4.00pm – 4.45pm
Rockdale Saturday 19th December – 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Rockdale Tuesday 22nd December – 5.30pm.

MASSES

Christmas Vigil, Thursday, 24th December

Bexley 5.00pm
Arncliffe 5.00pm
Rockdale 6.30pm



"Christmas Eve Night Mass", Thursday 24th at Rockdale

Christmas Carols from 10.30pm
Rockdale Mass at 11.00pm
(N.B. Note the Mass is NOT at Midnight!!)

Christmas Day, Friday, 25th December

Arncliffe 9.00am **Bexley** 9.00am
Rockdale 10.30am
(There will NOT be a 5.00pm Mass at Bexley today)

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Friendship, solidarity shared at Street Feast
- A schoolboy's extraordinary holiness - and it's not Carlo
- Pope Leo's first 500 days
- The saint behind Santa
- OPINION: Religious freedom under pressure

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

The Archdiocese of Sydney officially launched its pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027. World Youth Day will run from 3–8 August 2027 under the theme, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Pilgrims will be offered four pathways: travelling directly to the World Youth Day event, visiting Japan before the congress, or taking part in a mission or immersion experience in Korea or Cambodia before joining the week-long celebration in Seoul. For more information: email to: sydneycatholic.org/wyd-seoul-2027 or bishop.umbersoffice@sydneycatholic.org

CATHOLICCARE / HOME CARE SERVICES

CatholicCare Sydney offers a range of services to help you or a loved one remain happy and safe at home for longer. Our qualified and caring team can help you with:

- Domestic assistance / Day-to-day tasks like shopping
- Connecting with others / In-home respite care
- Personal care / Health and wellness activities
- Allied Health & Clinical Support

To learn more, please call 13 18 19 or visit catholiccare.org.

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. 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ilyas Barkat, Mary Joseph, Dung Dinh and Antonio Argiro.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Peter Maher, Roberta Prior, Gustavo Giusti, Milan Krakic, Biagio Di Ferdinando, Damiano Bonfa, Peter Paoloni and Norma Newton.

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

"Forgive me everything I have done to pain or disappoint any one of you." 12.6.1881

