

PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(Looking after the Churches of St Joseph's, Rockdale, St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe and St Gabriel's, Bexley.)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C - 14 & 15 JUNE 2025

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|                                                                                               | ARNCLIFFE                                                                                                                                        | ROCKDALE                                                                                                                                    | BEXLEY                                                                                |
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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.                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |
| 1st Reading: <b>Prov 8:22-31</b> ; 2nd Reading: <b>Rom 5:1-5</b> ; Gospel: <b>Jn 16:12-15</b> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 84:9

**O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? *R/*

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. *R/*

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air,  
and fish that make their way through the waters. *R/*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
**Alleluia!**

### GABBIES SEWING ANGELS RAFFLE WINNERS

Parishioners, thank you for your patience, the raffle was finally drawn last Sunday. The winners are as follows-

1st Elwyn Coad

2nd Grace Miuccio

3rd Vi Carrapatta

4th Kelly

### THE PARISH OF ST MARY MACKILLOP ROCKDALE CITY

Official notice from the Archdiocese of Sydney has advised that from 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Year of Our Lord 2025 the new Parish entity of St Mary MacKillop Rockdale City was established. Therefore, Bexley Parish was amalgamated into Rockdale City Parish as of this date.

While Three Communities, One Parish commenced as of that date the finances of the parishes will not be merged until the commencement of the new financial year on 1st July 2025.

*Fr Yacub Barkat P.P.*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at special Masses next Saturday and Sunday.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

Each of our three Church Piety Stalls has appropriate gifts for children who will receive their First Holy Communion this month. Please support our parishes by giving a meaningful and suitable Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

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



### PARISH FAMILY MASS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S

This weekend we welcome the staff, students and families from St Francis Xavier's Primary School at the 9.00am Mass. You are invited to join in morning tea after Mass.

### PARISH DINNER 2025

#### THREE COMMUNITIES, ONE PARISH

The Parish dinner will be on St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day on Friday, 8th August at Bexley RSL. Any funds raised will be put towards the cost of the new roof on St Francis Xavier's Church, Arncliffe. It is a heritage building that was listed by the National Trust in 2019. We look forward to your generous support of this important work.

Please start organising your parish friends to join you on a table for an evening of good food, good conversation and good fun. If you, or if you know of people/ businesses that might like to donate an item, or gift card to the raffle we would be 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).

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE CHANGES

Because of the merger of the parishes, there will be changes to the numbering system for the Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year to be compatible with the office accounting procedures. Most people may find their numbers will be changed by the first digit. The last two numbers will, in most cases, remain the same. e.g. current number 123 will become 223 or something similar. Nothing will change to the receipting of your donations.

**The last weekend for giving this financial year is the weekend of 28 & 29 June.** No donations will be accepted after the Sunday Masses that weekend.

**For online givers**, you are asked to make your final donation for this current financial year by **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**. These donations take longer to show in the parish accounts and therefore need to be processed separately before the end of June.

**N.B.** The new Planned Giving envelopes have been ordered from the printer but **may not be available until the end of June**.

### WALK WITH CHRIST

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, the annual Walk With Christ procession will play a pivotal role in fostering a Eucharistic revival within the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Archdiocese hope every parish will have a representative group at this procession, along with their parish banner. Walk with Christ will take place **next Sunday, 22nd of June** commencing 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.

### HEALING MASS

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June** at St. Joseph's, Rockdale at 7.00pm.

Fr. Justin has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intervention of Our Lady of Guadalupe and emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. We urge you to bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.



### 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

- Sydney Catholics invited to help shape the church's future
- Catholics listed among King's Birthday honours recipients
- Christians separated by war in Gaza
- In conversation with Broome's Bishop Tim Norton SVD
- Parish renewal: What is Christ asking of our parishes?
- Commercial surrogacy: An urgent pro-life issue

### FINDING SOLACE AND SUPPORT WITH HEARTFELT

In times of grief, finding a compassionate and understanding community can make all the difference. Heartfelt is based on Catholic teachings and offers online gatherings, support groups, and events, accessible to anyone navigating their grief journey.

For more information, visit <https://heartfelt.community>

### 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.

### COVID REMINDER

Covid-19 is still with us in various new forms. It reminds us of a few things: the importance of hygiene; the need to care for one another; and has taught us the value of using face masks even if to stop spreading infections like the common cold or influenza. For more information refer to: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/>

### 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:** Sr Philomena O'Sullivan rsj.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry Hitchings, Peter Powderly, Alice Farrell, Jessie Balk, Pearl Ripoll, Giuseppe Sullo, Antonietta Albanese, Miko Dela Paz, Danielle Yepes and Anton Hoang.

**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

"Cheer up and take comfort in the thought that nothing happens but by the Will or permission of God." 29.10.1895

