

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - YEAR C - 8 & 9 NOVEMBER 2025

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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

|                                                                                                                                        | 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.                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 2:13-22</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps. 45:2-3.5-6.8-9

**The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

God is for us a refuge and strength,  
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:  
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,  
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. *R/*

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within, it cannot be shaken  
God will help it at the dawning of the day. *R/*

The Lord of hosts is with us:  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come, consider the works of the Lord,  
The redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. *R/*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I have chosen and sanctified this house,  
says the Lord,  
that my name may remain in it for all time.  
**Alleluia!**



### FATHER NORVIN ON LEAVE

Father Norvin will be on annual leave until early December to travel home to India. We wish him a safe trip and hope he will enjoy the time spent with his family.

### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

Many thanks 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. 

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes may be found in our Churches. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. The donation for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November,** they are only available during the other months of the year.

### FAMILY MASS

This Sunday at the 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's, please welcome the children, families and staff of the Primary School. Parishioners are welcome to join them for morning tea after Mass in the school grounds. 😊

### BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Max Connolly, Beau Connolly, Jack Connolly, Nathan Francisco and Kendrick Leabres at St Joseph's and Casey O'Connell at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them today. 

## 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, 16th November**. Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion at 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and a labyrinth. For general enquiries please contact Ann Lomas at [lomas@bigpond.com](mailto:lomas@bigpond.com) or 0437 340 250. There is possible accommodation at the monastery guest house so please contact Fr Michael Kelly via email [mkelly@silvestrini.org](mailto:mkelly@silvestrini.org) or Ph: 0455 329 607

### “BREAKTHROUGH” RETREAT

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite you to their “breakthrough” Retreat to experience God's transformative power in your life. The retreat will be held in St Joseph's Hall on **Saturday, 22nd November** from 1.00 – 5.00pm. The retreat will include praise and worship, talk from the guest speaker, prayer ministry and fellowship. Our guest speaker is Brian Welsh, a Catholic lay evangelist with the powerful gift of preaching and a passion for advancing the Good News of Jesus through these works of evangelisation. Bookings essential, for enquiries and bookings, contact Helen 0433 455 114 or Esperance 0407 749 182 or email [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com) Afternoon tea will be provided.

### THE PERENNIAL WISDOM OF EVANGELII NUNTIANDI WITH DR RALPH MARTIN

We know that millions of Australians do not know or have forgotten the love of Christ. How do we reach out to them if they aren't coming to us? Join renowned author, speaker, and scholar, Dr Ralph Martin as he shares insights from the Church's guiding document, On Evangelisation in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi), along with his experience of sharing the Gospel for over 50 years. This will be held on **Monday, 8 December** from 8:00 – 9:00pm via ZOOM. RSVP at [gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

### SISTERS OF LIFE - ADVENT RETREAT

Catholic Women's Network are delighted to be hosting the Sisters of Life for an Advent retreat. Join us on **Saturday, 29 November** from 1 – 5pm at St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe. for an afternoon of reflection and quiet prayer time in preparation for the Advent season under the theme ‘No longer forsaken: the Lord delights in you’ (Isaiah 62). The mini-retreat will include input from the Sisters of Life, quiet time, access to the Sacrament of Confession and a Holy Hour. Set aside an afternoon to enter into the stillness and quiet and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Limited spaces available. Light refreshments included. Cost: \$25 per person. Group discounts available. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/DFBJT>

### 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.

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

## 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

- VIC cult inquiry raises religious freedom fears
- Two heed the call to serve as permanent deacons
- Malabar-Matraville Catholics celebrate a year of unity
- Sr Mary Grace SV invites women to an Advent retreat
- Saints alive as parishes reclaim Halloween
- Slavery survivor applauds the church's response

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill, at 2:00pm **next Sunday, 16 November**. The topic is The 60th Anniversary of the Vatican II document “*Christus Dominus*” on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops. The presenter will be Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. 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 at <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

A retreat day for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, and for those still hoping to conceive will be held on **Saturday 22 November** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at St Martha's (formerly Sydney Catholic Schools), 38 Renwick St Leichhardt. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, you are not alone. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Onsite parking is available. The cost is \$40.00 per married couple (+ booking fees). To book visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1384481>

### 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Saveria Todisco, Lorenzo Caruso, Medy Perez, Reginald Huthnance, Wendy Allen, Barbara Vancea, John Hickey, David Mandile, Pam & Joyce King, Eileen Clayton, Jack Kocina, Mark & Jack Maric, Maria, Carmeno & Stefano Barbaro.

**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

“Judge not, leaving that most painful duty to those appointed for it.” 26.4.1873

