

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 11 & 12 JULY 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

|                                                                                                                       | 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>Is 55:10-11</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Rom 8:18-23</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 13:1-23</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps 64:10-14**

**The seed that falls on good ground  
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. *R/*

And thus you provide for the earth:  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. *R/*

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. *R/*

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. *R/*



**HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)**

If you were unable to give to the annual Holy Father's Appeal last weekend, please see the following ways to donate to Pope Leo's global causes. He aims to alleviate the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we humbly ask you to give what you can.

**These are the ways to give to this appeal:**

1. Scan the QR code below to donate:
2. Online at: [www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal)
3. Phone: 1800 753 959



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

**PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS**

The Planned Giving Receipts will be available in your preferred church from next weekend. We have had IT problems in the office so they are not ready to be issued just yet.

### FATHER NORVIN IS LEAVING

Father Norvin will be leaving our parish at the end of July. He is moving to Mosman after more than four years with us. On the weekends of 18/19 July and 25/26 July, we will have a third collection to give to Father as a thank you from our parish. A special con-celebrated Mass will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Father Norvin will leave after the Mass. We thank him for all he has done here and wish him well in his new parish.

### HOW THE PARISH USES YOUR DONATIONS – COLLECTIONS AT MASS

#### First Collection

Supports ALL priests in the Sydney Archdiocese

Easter, Christmas, wedding and baptism offerings are all added to the first collection. This is passed on to the Archdiocese.

#### Second Collection

Supports all OUR Parish expenses

Your donations through the planned giving envelopes, all cash placed on the plate, and the tap-and-go machines make up the second collection. This money is used in our parish to cover ALL parish expenses and to support pastoral activities. Expenses include administration, insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, and the repair and maintenance of all parish buildings.

Parish expenses include insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, the repair and maintenance of all buildings (churches, halls, presbyteries, convent and office), etc. Note that the parishes must operate within its own income and cannot draw money for expenses from any source other than parish income.

In addition, any shortfall in the yearly target set by the Archdiocese for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has to be covered by this collection. As our parishes do not meet the CWF target, funds are directed to the shortfall each year.

#### Special Collections

The Parish does not retain any money from these collections. These include Charitable Works Fund Appeals, Holy Father's Collection, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and Caritas/Project Compassion.

#### Thank You for your parish support

We ask you to please think about how you can best support our parish? Your ongoing generosity and support of the parish is gratefully acknowledged, and we respect that everyone's circumstances are different; therefore, please know that you are not expected to give any more than is reasonable.

### LAST TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2026 PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE

Join over 300 Sydney Catholics people to be refreshed in your own faith and energised for the preparations for the International Eucharistic Congress. Registrations have been left open so that no one misses out. This is on Saturday 18 July from 9:00am – 5:00pm at Liverpool Catholic Club. Cost: \$99 plus booking fees or purchase 5 tickets and get one free. Register at [gomakedisciples.org.au/prc26](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/prc26).

#### ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"May God grant you courage and true wisdom in all you do and say." (21.9.1875)



### 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

- Return to the church: Archbishop Fisher to SSPX
- Deacons mission begins after ordination
- Hope returns for Holy Land pilgrimages
- Reform calls grow to aid elderly in hospital

### VIVALDI'S GLORIA

Gloria is an evening of magnificent sacred choral music, performed by over 40 singers and accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The programme spans over 500 years of sacred music and culminates in Vivaldi's Gloria, performed by choir, soloists and chamber orchestra. In an age when authentic sacred music plays an increasingly important role in the life of the Church, we hope this concert will offer an opportunity for people to encounter the richness of our musical and spiritual heritage. **One night only. (next) Friday, 17 July at 7.00pm** in St Anne's Catholic Church, 47 Mitchell Street, North Bondi. Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/DMGXX>

### CREATED IN LOVE

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." – Psalm 139:13*

The Catholic Women's Network and Maronite Women's Ministry are honoured to present Created in Love: Women, Fertility & God's Plan, a first-of-its-kind retreat day inviting women to discover the beauty, dignity, and wisdom of their bodies through faith, formation, and community. Whether you're seeking clarity, healing, education, or simply a deeper appreciation of the way God created you, this day is designed to leave you feeling empowered, seen, and renewed. Open to women aged 16+. Bring your mum, daughter, sister, aunt, or a friend. This will be held on Saturday 1 August from 9am - 4:00pm at St Jerome's Parish, Punchbowl. Information/registration visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1571890>

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have several parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Burgess.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Madeline Latham, Ines Bergamo, Mario Mercia, Thi Cam Huong Nguyen, Monica Littler, Cesarina Tardelli, Angiolina De Chiara, Christopher Lyons, Bienvenido Ocampo and Delfin Espolon.

**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.**