

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 20 & 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias

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**Office hours:** Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

**SCHOOLS:** **St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

**St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg

**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

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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>Amos 8:4-7</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Tim 2:1-8</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 16:1-13</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 112:1-2,4-8**

**Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**



Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore! *R/*

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? *R/*

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dung heap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. *R/*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

**Alleluia!**



**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.

**FAMILY MASS**

This Sunday at St Gabriel's the 9.00am Mass will be a Family Mass. Please make welcome the children from St Gabriel's Primary School, their families and the school staff. A morning tea in the hall will follow the Mass. All welcome. ☺

**FACE YOUR GIANTS RETREAT**

Jesus Light of the World Communities invites you to "Face Your Giants Retreat". Overwhelmed by life's battles? Discover the victory through Jesus Christ. The retreat features speaker Marina George, a devoted Catholic preacher, who loves sharing her deep relationship with God the Father, the love of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The retreat will be held **next Saturday, 27 September** from 1:00 – 5:30 pm in St Joseph's Hall, Rockdale (parking entry through Parker St.) Afternoon tea is served, and a booking is essential. Enquiries: Helen: 0433 455 114 or Esperance: 0407 749 182 or: [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com)

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

Each of our churches need people to volunteer to be Acolytes to assist at weekend Masses. You will need to have a Working With Children Check which is obtainable through Service New South Wales website. There is no charge for this for volunteers. If you feel you would be available to assist, please speak with Father Yacub or Father Norvin.

### ST JOSEPH'S ENFIELD HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Enfield on **Friday, 3rd October** commencing at 7.00pm with The Rosary and Reconciliation between 7-8pm, 7.30pm Prayer and Praise and 8.00pm Mass followed by Exposition. The celebrant will be Fr Yacub Barkat. Parking at the rear of the church, enter via Baker St. Enquiries: Rose 8068 3845 or 0412 115 961 or [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)

### ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL MASS

All parishioners are welcome to attend the Multicultural Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney **next Sunday September 28th**, at 2.00pm. You are invited to you're your cultural attire. For more information, contact Kylie Cullen 0403 453 620

### BRIGHTON LE SANDS PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Our parishioners have been invited to join with St Thomas More's parishioners on **Monday 13th October** to attend a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park, in the Southern Highlands. A bus will depart promptly at 8.30am from St Thomas More's, Bay Street, Brighton Le-Sands. Lunch is BYO at 12.00pm and the return bus will depart the Shrine at 3.00pm. The cost for the day is **\$25.00 per person**, no concessions. **Please contact the parish office at St Thomas More on 9567 3589** for any enquiries or to book seats.

### HANDEL'S MESSIAH PERFORMANCE

You are invited to a special Artes Christi Chamber Orchestra, choir and soloists for a very special presentation of Handel's Messiah to be held on **Friday, 10 October** at St Anne's Catholic Church, 47 Mitchell St, North Bondi on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. This performance offers an opportunity to experience one of Christianity's greatest musical works in a sacred setting with Messiah telling the story of Christ's Birth, Passion, and Resurrection through Handel's sublime musical interpretation of Scripture. Tickets: Adults \$45, Concessions \$30. **Bookings essential** at: [www.trybooking.com/DEJGU](http://www.trybooking.com/DEJGU)

### SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH 'FIDELIS' EVENT

We are thrilled to welcome Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT and Fr. John Burns - two beloved voices in the Church who need no introduction! - as they lead us into a profound exploration of how our brokenness can become a doorway to grace. Together, we'll journey into the heart of Catholic theology, reflecting on forgiveness, healing, and salvation and explore how the very wounds we carry can reveal Christ in deeply personal and transformative ways. Come with open hearts and expect to encounter beauty in places you may not have looked before! This will be held on **Wednesday, 24 September** from 6 - 10pm in the Conference Room, Canterbury Leagues Club. The cost is \$25. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.trybooking.com/DFAWF>

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- New fertility centre offers hope for couples
- Parousia Media celebrates 20 years
- Camden woman makes first vows as a Dominican
- Problems with some March for Australia rhetoric

### ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Take care of yourself and don't work beyond your strength" 17.3.1901



### 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.

### iSTAND CONFERENCE

Sydney Youth Mission Team invite all Year 9 - 12 (14-18 years old) students to our iSTAND Conference. This event is an opportunity for young people to connect with peers over faith, food, formation, prayer and games and promises to provide incredible opportunities for young Catholics seeking more. This will be held on **Monday, 29 September** from 9 am - 9 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Peakhurst (825 Forest Rd). The cost is \$70 and includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch, dinner and all activities. For more info, follow @ymtsydney on Instagram or register: <https://form.jotform.com/201754200820846>

### ADVANCE NOTICE - SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2025

On **Friday, 14 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 11 am to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/SydStreetFeast2025>

### 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](http://catholiccare.org).

### 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tina Dal Mas and Mark Delfino.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael O'Connell, John Farrell, Elvis Vaz, Emma Trovato, Evelina Delloso and Roberto Catania.

**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.**