



ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities - One Parish

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A - 30 & 31 MAY 2026



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SCHOOLS:

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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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| WEEKEND MASSES | 5.00pm Saturday | 6.30pm Saturday | ----- |
| Saturday Vigil | 9.00am | 9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am | 9.00am |
| Sunday Masses | | 12.00pm (<i>First Sunday only Urdu</i>) | 5.00pm |
| | | 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>) | |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | 9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday | 7.00pm Tuesday (<i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm</i>) 9.00am Thursday | 9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (<i>Benediction at 8.45am</i>) |
| CONFESSIONS | 4.00 – 4.30pm 2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the Month | 5.30 – 6.00pm 1 st & 3 rd Saturday of the Month | 8.00 – 8.40am Saturday |
| BAPTISMS | 10.00am 1 st Sunday of the month | 11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month | 10.00am 3 rd 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. | | |
| 1 st Reading: <i>Ex 34:4-6, 8-9</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>2 Cor 13:11-13</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 3:16-18</i> | | | |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Daniel 3:52-56

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. *R/*

Blest your glorious holy name. *R/*

You are blest in the temple of your glory. *R/*

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. *R/*

You are blest who gaze into the depths. *R/*

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. *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!

BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Weslynn Gomes who will be baptised at St Joseph's and also her family and friends.



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Tickets sales for the annual raffle, to support the work of Gabbies are now on sale for the next month. There are four beautiful prizes of patch-work quilts.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Thank you for your continued support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time next month.



FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

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

HEALING MASS

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be concelebrating Mass at St. Joseph's, Rockdale at 7.00 p.m. on **Tuesday, 16th June** with Fr Yacub. A Healing Service will follow the Mass. 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.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There will be minor changes to the numbering for some Planned Giving Envelopes in the new financial year to save the parish money with printing costs for envelopes that are not used. A few people may find their numbers will be changed as we have consolidated the numbers. Nothing will change to the receipting of your donations.

The last weekend for giving this financial year is the weekend of 27 & 28 June.

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

We hope to have the new envelopes available in the next two weeks so please check at your regular church.

SISTINE CHAPEL IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

The Sistine Chapel Immersive Exhibition will be presented on the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney until **19 July**. For the first time, visitors will step inside a purpose-built structure that evokes the breathtaking scale and splendour of the Sistine Chapel, using cutting-edge projection technology and ultra-high-resolution imagery sourced directly from the Vatican archives. The exhibition unfolds across two distinct spaces. The Introductory Gallery offers an informative and engaging journey through the history, architecture, and purpose of the Sistine Chapel from its construction in the 15th century to its role in papal conclaves and its enduring significance as one of the world's most celebrated artistic achievements. The Immersive Projection Chamber, the centrepiece of the exhibition, presents a spectacular digital recreation of the chapel's interior. Surrounded by artistic masterpieces on a monumental scale and accompanied by guided narration, visitors are drawn into the sweeping story of salvation depicted in one of the most extraordinary works of sacred art ever created. Tickets and information can be found at: <https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au/>

THE FIRST RELICS OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

The First Relics of St Anthony of Padua will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral on **Friday, 5 June**. Schedule of the visit:
11:00 AM: Mass with veneration before and after Mass
12:00 PM: Confession
1:10 PM: Mass with veneration before and after Mass
4:30 PM Confession
5:00 PM: Vespers
5:30 PM: Mass with veneration before and after Mass

TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL LIFE

The Tim Fischer Oration 2026 is an opportunity to give thanks for what we have received. It calls forth young people to protect and promote the common good through ethical attitudes and actions in public and political life. Professor Mary Healy will deliver the third Tim Fischer Oration. This will be held on **Wednesday, 17 June** at 6.00pm at Rosehill Gardens. **Tickets cost \$50 each.**

For more information please visit: tfo.org.au

ST MARY WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Love one another, each one always, in good or bad, not minding how things seem." 25.9.1873



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

- Pope Leo warns AI must serve humanity
- Lebanon's Christians trapped by war
- OneSydney concert to unite Christians at Opera House
- Inadequate gambling reforms fail children
- Reflection: Parishes called to collaborate in mission

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – RENEWAL HAS BEGUN!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

But this is more than an event in Sydney. It is a national journey, an invitation to renewal for the whole Church, wherever we are. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes.

Across the Easter weekend, thousands of catechumens and candidates throughout Australia were baptised and received into full communion with the Church. Our churches were alive with faith—pews filled, hearts renewed.

It was a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be every week, not only at Christmas and Easter.

The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst.

How wonderful it would be to see our pews full every week—because people have truly encountered the living Lord in the Eucharist!

For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" — Pope Saint John Paul II

RECENTLY DECEASED: June Hodgins, Mrs Cooney and Sarala Mary D'Cruze.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jennifer Laifoo, Giovanna Festa, Marie Harring, Frank Biviano, Margaret Lopes, Adua Badalassi, Arthur Duignan, Bartolo Manfre, Clare Younie, Baby Isaac Bolanca and Jack & Ann Lalor.

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.