

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – 12 & 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat **Assistant Parish Priests** – Fr Norvin Dias and Fr Miguel Perez Campos

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

**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

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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: <b><i>Sirach 27:30-28:7</i></b> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <b><i>Rom 14:7-9</i></b> ; Gospel: <b><i>Mt 18:21-35</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 102:1-4,9-12**

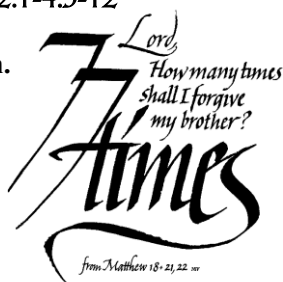
**The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. *R/*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R/*

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. *R/*

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west so far  
does he remove our sins. *R/*



## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL

Thank you to those who so generously supported the Appeal last weekend for the retired priests of the Sydney Archdiocese. If you still have an envelope, you may place it on one of the collection plates this weekend. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible but **please** make sure you fill in all the details to receive the tax deduction. Just a name can't be accepted for tax deductions.

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA: NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, call 1800 024 413 or visit [www.caritas.org.au/nepal](http://www.caritas.org.au/nepal)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you

**Alleluia!**



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE #112

Can the Arncliffe parishioner who has the packet of Planned Giving Envelopes #112 for this financial year, please contact the parish office by email: [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) We need some further information from you please.

### FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

The 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's **next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September** will be for the students, staff and families of St Joseph's, Kogarah Marist and local public schools.

### PADRE PIO FEAST CELEBRATIONS

Parishioners are invited to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in Glenmore Park Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

#### Three-Day Triduum:

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** Novena & Mass at 7pm.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Novena & Mass at 7pm.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>:** Novena & Mass at 5.30pm.

#### Feast Day Mass:

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** Feast Day of St Padre Pio, 10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Feast Day Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities. For any enquiries, please contact the Glenmore Park office on 4789 2232.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

You are invited to join the 11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's Parish, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown followed by lunch at the convent on **Thursday, 24 September**. A special presentation and prayers will precede the Mass beginning at 10:30am. Please RSVP by 18 September via email at: [sydney@almamercy.org](mailto:sydney@almamercy.org)

### "ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT"

Parishioners are invited to the Jesus, Light of the World retreat on **Saturday 26 September** from 1:00 – 5:30pm in St Joseph's Hall, Rockdale. The speaker will be Marina George and the afternoon includes Rosary, Praise and Worship, Talk, Prayer of Empowerment and Fellowship. Marina is a Catholic preacher, who loves sharing her deep relationship with God. Bookings Essential, afternoon tea provided. Enquiries: Helen: 0433 455 114 or Esperance: 0407 749 182; [Ejlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:Ejlowcommunity@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Each of the churches have special Mass Offering envelopes for your use. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. A minimum donation for each offering is \$20.00. You are asked to place the request at least a week before you wish to have a Mass celebrated. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published.

### SYDNEY TO SEOUL

#### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 LAUNCH

Everyone is welcome to join others at the Memorial of the Korean Martyrs for the Sydney to Seoul World Youth Day Launch on **Sunday 20 September**. It will commence at 12:00pm with Mass & Confession at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Church Hill. The Launch will follow after Mass at 1:00pm at *Jacksons on George*, with Korean-themed food and festivities. More information and costings for WYD to be announced at the Launch.

### 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

- St Carlo's relic mission turns hearts to Christ
- Safeguarding Sunday: new service offers healing and support
- How Mary saved a Protestant minister's faith
- Life and death online
- Lessons from Raiders' Josh Papali'i's last game

### COURAGE MUSICAL

A Story of Bravery, Destiny, and Courage under Fire. Step into the world of a legend - the original knight in shining armour! Watch as St George faces his greatest trial: a fearsome dragon, an Empire in peril, and the courage to stand firm when all hope seems lost. Come and join us for an evening of romance, of adventure, of satire; as we discover the true story behind the legend of George and the Dragon. The musical will be held at St Peter's Parish Surry Hills (1880 Parish Hall), 235 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills on **Friday 9 October** at 7:00pm

**Saturday 10 October** at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

**Sunday 11 October** at 2:00pm

Bookings via this link: [www.trybooking.com/DOUBL](http://www.trybooking.com/DOUBL)

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the Safeguarding Office on 9390 5800 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mariano Proia and Bipul Gomes.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Lindsley Wholohan, Annette Dubois, Patricia Moore, Roberto Catania, Zebulon Perano, Rino Bergamo, Lina Alterio, Annemarie Petunis and Anna Pagano.

**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 MACKILLIP'S QUOTE

"May God bless and keep you all. 16.5.1873

