

# ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 2 & 3 AUGUST 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>Eccl 1:2,2;21-23</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Col 3:1-5,9-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 12:13-21</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89:3-6.12-14.17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say:

‘Go back, sons of men.’

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,  
come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. *R/*

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. *R/*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants. *R/*

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

## CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

This weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> August there will be a third collection after Holy Communion. This collection will be the first of three appeals for this financial year for the Charitable Works' Fund. The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the archdiocese: hospital, gaol and university chaplaincies, the deaf community, the aboriginal community, seminarians preparing for priesthood, CatholicCare and resources for catechists visiting state schools to name just a few.

Each parish is given a quota to fund each appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If this quota is not met, then the shortfall comes from our parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, but please make sure you have completed ALL the details required on the envelopes provided. Many thanks for your ongoing support of this important work within the archdiocese.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A very special welcome is extended to all the children and their parents who will make their commitment to the Confirmation program at the Masses this weekend. As a parish, we promise to keep praying for you over the coming weeks. The children will be Confirmed in September at a special Mass in each of our churches.



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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER YACUB ☺

This Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, is Father Yacub's birthday. It is also the anniversary of Father Norvin's Ordination. Congratulations to both our priests on these special events in their lives.

### *Parish Dinner - ~~THIS~~ FRIDAY*

*8th August at Bexley RSL*

*Don't delay, or you may miss out.*

**Tickets:** Children 12 years & under - \$25,

Pensioners - \$55, all others - \$60.

**Cash sales only after Mass. This Sunday after the 5pm Mass is the final time for ticket sales** as we have to notify the club of our numbers by midday on Monday.

**Seating:** If you wish to be seated with friends or family, please let the ticket sellers know. We will do our best to meet your preference(s).

**Dinner time:** 5:30pm arrival for 6pm dinner

**Drinks:** Voucher for one free tea, coffee, or soft drink. Alcoholic drinks & additional tea/ coffee/ soft drinks are available for purchase at the bar.

**Activities:** Games / Silent Auction / Raffle. **Please bring cash/coins for raffle tickets and games.**

**Parking:** Limited parking under the club. St Gabriel's church yard will be open for parking, across the road at the pedestrian lights. **PLEASE** use the lights to cross this road!

**Competition:** Best decorated table. **Please NO glitter or confetti** and **ALL** decorations must be taken away with you at the end of the night.

**Donations are still needed** for the Raffle and the Silent Auction. If you, or if you know of people/ businesses that might like to donate item(s), or gift card(s) we would be very grateful to hear from you. Call the Parish Office on 9567-1588, Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, or email [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au).

**Funds raised:** will go towards the cost of the new roof on St Francis Xavier's Church.

## BAPTISMS



This Sunday we welcome Hugo Davies who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's and Thomas Bevan who will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special day.

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Each of our churches need people to volunteer to be Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 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.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

Please collect your envelopes and receipts this weekend. If you do not collect them, they will be available in the parish office. Please phone before coming in.

## 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.

## 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

- Experts mourn the closure of UK Anscombe Bioethics Centre
- Joy as two new Jesuits are ordained in Sydney
- Senators pay papal tributes as parliament opens
- Deaf community delighted by Alpha launch in Auslan
- Don't just take photos: encounter Christ, Pope Leo tells pilgrims
- Opinion: Court-ordered abortion for 12-year old is doubly tragic

## SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are special Mass Offering envelopes in our churches. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published in the parish bulletin. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated on a particular date, **a minimum of one week's** notice must be given.

**ACU CAMPUS MINISTRY: THEOLOGY AT THE PUB**  
ACU Campus Ministry, in collaboration with MacKillop Bakhita Law Students' Society and Sydney Crossroads, invites all young adults from Sydney to an evening of theology at the pub! This **18+ Event** will be held on Monday 11 August, from 6-9pm on the Top Floor, The Orient Hotel, 89 George St, The Rocks. Dr Michael Casey will be sharing his thoughts on the topic, "What's a person worth? Some thoughts on human dignity and the common good in law and society". **Free entry**, but please register via the Facebook event at <https://bit.ly/3UndaZp>

## 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:** Madeline Latham, Bartolina Manfre, Ata Messan Edouard and Anka Luketic.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patricia Quirk, Terrence McBride, Maria Varacalli, Pietro Tesoriero, Joseph Mandile, Ross McIntosh, Orencio Tarongoy, Tony & Yesmine Bazouni, Maria & Otto Kovac, Antonia & Giorgio Festa,

**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

"We are so little, so imperfect, and God is so great, so good." (28.10.1889)

