

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 11 & 12 OCTOBER 2025

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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: <b>2Kg 5:14-17</b> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <b>2 Tim 2:8-13</b> ; Gospel: <b>Lk 17:11-19</b> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. *R/*



The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth  
and love for the house of Israel. *R/*

All the ends of the earth  
have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *R/*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia!



## ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** until 31<sup>st</sup> October in St Joseph's Church, including weekends. All welcome.



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

The annual appeal for Catholic mission will be held **this weekend, 11 and 12 October** with a **third collection after Holy Communion** at all Masses. There are envelopes on the pews, and we ask that you take one home and return it next weekend. If you require a tax-deduction, **please tick the box** and fill in ALL the required information, especially the amount you are giving. In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare. This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need. Learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope. If you wish to know more, please contact Catholic Mission 1800 257 296 or [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission). If you have no cash or card this week, please take an envelope home and return it next weekend.



## VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

We would like to request a few new volunteers from the Bexley end of the parish to assist with money counting on Monday mornings at 8.00am. Previous cash handling experience would be an advantage. Please speak with Father Yacub if you can help.

### ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

Parishioners interested in applying for membership of Parish Finance Council (PFC) are invited to submit a written application. Applications are to be one A4 page, or less, and outline why you are interested in joining the Finance Council and what strengths and experience you would bring to Council deliberations. The Finance Council assists the Parish Priest in administering parish finances, in maintaining parish properties, in planning for future capital works, and in raising the necessary finances.

### ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Parishioners interested in applying to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are invited to submit a written application. Applications are to be one A4 page, or less, and outline why you are interested in joining the Pastoral Council and what strengths and experience you would bring to Council deliberations. The Council assists the Parish Priest meet the pastoral needs of parishioners by listening to the needs of the community and giving advice on how best to meet those needs. The Council works to produce effective outcomes for the enrichment of the Parish community, to develop a spirit of equity, and to listen to and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners.

Applications for both Councils will close at **9am, this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Applications can be emailed to the office ([admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au)) or placed in the office letterbox at 13 Parker Street, Rockdale. Late applications will not be considered. Applicants will be advised, in writing, of the outcome of the selection process. The decision of the Parish Priest will be final.

*Fr Yacub Barkat PP*

### FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held for the late Patrick McBrearty in St Gabriel's Church, this coming Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Please keep his family in your prayers.

### SYDNEY SYNOD 2026

Can you give Archbishop Fisher positive, practical, and faithful ideas to address the three longings of Sydney Catholics: that our liturgies be more prayerful, our communities more Christ-centred, and our Church in Sydney more mission-oriented? Come along to a regional consultation at St Mary's Cathedral, **this coming Tuesday, 14 October** from 6.00 – 9.00pm. Registration is essential via: [sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod](http://sydneycatholic.org/sydney-synod)

### CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED PETER TO ROT

Communities are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Peter To Rot, Papua New Guinea's first saint. Peter To Rot was a lay catechist and martyr who continued his Christian ministry during the Japanese occupation of PNG in WWII. Let us come together in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate his inspiring witness. **Next Sunday, 19 October**, a special Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, beginning at 2:30 pm. Refreshments will be held afterwards. All are welcome.

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

### 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

- 'This is My Body, Given for You' IEC theme
- Pope Leo XIV visits Domus Australia
- Marvin Do's journey from the gym to Jesus
- The holiness of St Teresa of Avila, Bl Peter To Rot, Bl Père Laval
- Monica Doumit: New bioethics challenge emerges

### FOUNDATION DAY & FAMILY FESTIVAL

**Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. FREE jumping castle and facepainting and the opportunity to purchase BBQ lunch, food stalls, drinks, snow cones and other stall. The day begins with a pre-program at 10:15am and confession will be available, 11.00am Holy Mass followed by procession, 12.15pm Lunch and fun family activities, 1.45pm Devotion with Benediction. For more details contact Sr. M. Rita 0493 026 62 or visit the website [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.org.au)

### 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. This is a great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/SydStreetFeast2025>

### 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.

### 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patrick McBrearty, Gerard Mandile, Maria Thi Dung Nguyen and Katalayah Skelton.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dorothy Molachino, Remo Di Matteo, Robert Bird, Stefania Bauk, Elia Karim, Maria Carnabuci, Salvatore Catalano, Lucrezia Farrugia, Mary Caruana, Milagros Adiviso, George Casciola and deceased Passionist Sisters.

**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

"Oh how good God is!" 29.3.1870

