

# ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH ROCKDALE CITY

Three Communities – One Parish

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

ALL SAINTS DAY / ALL SOULS DAY - YEAR C - 1 & 2 NOVEMBER 2025

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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.                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |
| <b>All Saints Day</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Jn 3:1-3</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 5:1-12</i><br><b>All Souls Day</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Isaiah 25:6-9</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Romans 5:5-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 11:25-30</i> |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                       |

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. *R/*

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and a pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. *R/*

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *R/*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

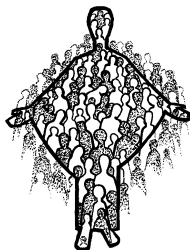
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

## BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Billie Bauk and Maria Mone  
who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also  
welcome their families and friends who join them today.



## SUNDAY MASS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? *R/*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. *R/*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face. *R/*

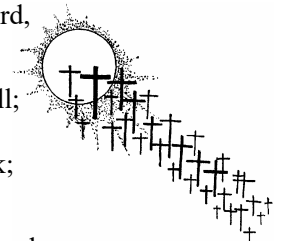
I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! *R/*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!



### FATHER NORVIN ON LEAVE

Father Norvin will be on leave until early December to travel home to India. We wish him a safe trip and hope he will enjoy the time spent with his family.

### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

This weekend across the Archdiocese, the second of the CWF appeals for this financial year will be held. The CWF assists the Archbishop of Sydney finance several important pastoral projects. **There will be a third collection after Holy Communion.** Some of the projects include, prison and university chaplains, CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (catechists), the Ephpheta Centre working the deaf, Redfern Meal Programme reaching out to the homeless, and Good Shepherd Seminary where they train future priests.

Our parish has quota for this appeal and if it's not met, the parish has to pay the difference. All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible should you wish - just make sure you complete all the details on the envelope. Please feel free to take an envelope home with you and return it next weekend by placing it in any of the collections. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the CWF. Without your help, some of these important projects would not survive financially.

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes may be found in our Churches. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. The donation for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November,** they are only available during the other months of the year.

### 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 & FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH & SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO JOIN

## LITTLE JOEY'S PLAYGROUP

Every second Friday from 9.15am-10.30am  
(on most even weeks, during the school term)  
Remaining dates for 2025:  
**24th October**  
**7th November**  
**5th December- Christmas craft**



ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

Reading, craft, playdough, ball games, blocks, free play & prayer.

YOU'LL FIND US AT:

st Joseph's church hall  
6 Parker St Rockdale  
(please enter through school office if gate is closed.)

Please bring snacks and water for your child

To enquire: [dona.sakr@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dona.sakr@syd.catholic.edu.au)



### 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

- New report highlights persecuted Christians
- Hundreds protest sex-selective abortion
- Archbishop Fisher OP delivers lecture on bioethics
- Monica Doumit: Beware Greens' human rights bill

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

A retreat day for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, and for those still hoping to conceive will be held on **Saturday 22 November** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at St Martha's (formerly Sydney Catholic Schools), 38 Renwick St Leichhardt. Though you may experience pain, grief, and shame, with the support of others and the love of God, you are not alone. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Onsite parking is available. The cost is \$40.00 per married couple (+ booking fees). To book visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1384481>

### "BREAKTHROUGH" RETREAT

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite you to their "breakthrough" Retreat to experience God's transformative power in your life. The retreat will be held in St Joseph's Hall on **Saturday, 22nd November** from 1.00 – 5.00pm. The retreat will include praise and worship, talk from the guest speaker, prayer ministry and fellowship. Our guest speaker is Brian Welsh, a Catholic lay evangelist with the powerful gift of preaching and a passion for advancing the Good News of Jesus through these works of evangelisation. Bookings essential, for enquiries and bookings, contact Helen 0433 455 114 or Esperance 0407 749 182 or email [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com) Afternoon tea will be provided.

### 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:** Luiz Marcorio & Lawrence Rozario.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr John Kerrigan, Fr Ken Sargent, Barry Maurer, Elizabeth Thurston, Ron Grasso, Stephen Whelan, Francesca Garufi, Caterina Messina, Clifford Parkes, Shaun Padua, Patrick Byrne, Jamie Ramos, Rolando Ramos, Valentina Bermudo, Maria Barbaro, Carmine Barbaro, Stefano Barbaro and Noel Riley.

**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

"No duty is too little to be done well." 26.4.1873

