

# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(Looking after the Churches of St Gabriel's, Bexley, St Joseph's, Rockdale, and St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe)

## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 12 & 13 JUNE 2021

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

**Assistant Priest** – Fr Frank Regala



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**SCHOOLS:**

**St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Carolyn Yeats

**St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 - Principal: Ms Zeina Chalich

**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> )	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		10.30am 6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	5.00pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday ( <i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 5.30pm</i> ) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday ( <i>Benediction at 8.45am</i> )
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	10.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment. <b>The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex 17:22-24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10; Gospel: Mk 4:26-34</b>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 91:3-3.13-16**

**Lord it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. *R/*

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *R/*

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *R/*



**FAREWELL MASS FOR FR FRANK REGALA**

Fr Frank Regala will leave next week to take up the position of Assistant Priest in Cronulla Parish. A farewell Mass for Father will be held at **10.30am this Sunday, 13th June** at St Joseph's. A special collection will be taken at **all Masses** in our twinned parishes **THIS weekend** for Fr Frank. All parishioners welcome to the 10.30am Mass.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Please keep the young ones preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide them and deepen their faith and commitment. Confirmation will be held in St Joseph's Church this coming week with Bishop Richard Umbers.

**DEMPSEY MEDALS AWARDED TO SIX PARISHIONERS**

Our sincere congratulations to the three couples from our twinned parishes who have been awarded 2021 Dempsey Medals by the Archbishop of Sydney. They are:

- **Terry & Jude McBride**
- **Robert & Kathryn Phillips**
- **Peter & Ellen Gillett**

The couples hail from the Arncliffe, Bexley, and Rockdale areas within the parishes, respectively. Their medals will be presented by the Archbishop Anthony Fisher at St Mary's Cathedral during the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June**.

Thank you to all who helped with the nomination process.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**



**BAPTISMS**

This weekend at St Joseph's we welcome Luke Alexander and Shaun Borromeo. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



## FUNERAL

A Funeral Mass for the late Anne Duggan will be held at 10.00am **this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at St Gabriel's Bexley. Please keep her family in your prayers at this sad time.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope Program for the coming New Financial Year, or any who may want to change their 'tax category' for claiming a tax-deduction, are asked to please contact the Parish Office (9567 1558) as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

**If anyone has changed their address or phone number, please notify the office so we can adjust our records.**

Any enquiries are most welcome. If you are paying income tax each year, some of the envelopes can be used for a 30% Tax Deduction to off-set your payable income tax.

Please note the last weekend for giving to the parish for this financial year will be **the weekend 26/27 June**. Any donations received after **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** will go into the next financial year. This includes dropping your envelopes to the Parish Office during the week. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> is the absolute deadline.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2021/22 Financial Year will be available in the coming weeks from the church you have nominated.

However, due to the decline in parishioners in the Planned Giving Program, a number of parishioners will find that they have a new number for the new financial year. In the past few years, we have ordered envelopes only to find some people have not picked up or used their envelopes; have left the parishes or passed away. As the parish needs to save money the numbers have been consolidated to use up unclaimed numbers in each church. This does not mean a change of Taxable/Non-taxable category, simply a new number within the respective category.

### SAVE OUR GRAVES E-PETITION

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition to send a strong message to NSW MPs to reverse the decision to remove faith-based groups from the management of cemeteries. This issue is to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW. For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families. The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials, including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations. To sign the e-petition go to: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Sexual abuse is a crime. 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). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary places her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance still required us to observe the **two-square metre rule**. **Our three churches are limited for numbers attending.**
- Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Masks are no longer compulsory for attending Mass but still recommended.
- Congregational singing is now allowed again.
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable more distancing between others who are in the line. Please go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

## HARTFORD COLLEGE

### NEW INDEPENDENT BOYS SCHOOL IN SYDNEY

Hartford College is an independent Catholic school for boys opening in 2022 in Daceyville. Commencing in Year 5, Hartford will offer personalised education through to the HSC. Hartford's educational mission educates the whole person, combining the quest for academic excellence with the development of the student's character and faith. For more information and to lodge your expression of interest for 2022, please visit [hartfordcollege.com.au](http://hartfordcollege.com.au).

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anne Duggan and Therese Noel.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Powderly, Teresa Mazzeo, Maria Pizzale, Providenza Bonica and Michael Honer.

**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 rest in peace. Amen.**

## ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"I do not know how to describe the feeling but that I was intensely happy and felt nearer to God than I had ever felt before." September 1871

