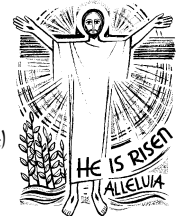




PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 15 & 16 APRIL 2023



Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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 Debbie Heckenberg

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

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (<i>Italian</i>)	9.00am
Sunday Masses		10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday (<i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm</i>) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (<i>Benediction at 8.45am</i>)
CONFESSIONS	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 st & 3 rd Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
BAPTISMS	10.00am 1 st Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
<u>1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43; 2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4; Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 (Sunday Morning Mass)</u>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' *R/*

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. *R/*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe!

Alleluia!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday, 16th April, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy. This will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church from 2.00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Prayers & Reconciliation. At 3.00pm there will be Benediction & Holy Mass. Light Refreshments will be served after Mass.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion donation envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Please provide your complete details (name, address, contact number) on the slip provided if you wish to receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the financial year.



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

The yearly raffle will commence **this weekend 15/16th April** and run for a month. This year there will be four prizes.

- 2 X Double Bed Patchwork Quilt
- 1 Single Bed Patchwork Quilt
- 1 Single Crochet Rug.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

Looking for your continued support with appreciation.

Patricia Will

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

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH FOR MEN

An overnight Walking Pilgrimage for Men will commence on **Friday 28 April** at 8:30pm from St Mary's Cathedral with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers. Confession will be available from 7:30pm. Following the Mass, a Pilgrimage across 9 churches in Sydney's inner west will commence. The Pilgrimage will conclude on Saturday 29 April at, 6:30am, St Joseph's Enfield with a Mass, followed by BBQ breakfast and celebration. Adoration will be held at each church followed by a short reflection on St Joseph. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1032826>

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CELEBRATION

Our parishioners are invited to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima and the Kingsgrove Parish on **Sunday, 7th May**. The day will commence with Rosary at the front of the church at 9am and a procession. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. From 11.15am to 3.00pm there will be festivities in the parish grounds. There will be no evening Mass on this day. All welcome.

MISSION: CHANGE THEIR LIVES... AND YOURS

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also read news from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know. Phone: 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or visit our website: www.palms.org.au

AN EVENING WITH SHERRY WEDDELL

Join international speaker and author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus', Sherry Weddell for an evening dedicated to exploring the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and renewing the Church for mission. Endowed with spiritual gifts, each of us is chosen by God in a special way to witness to Christ in the world and to build His Kingdom here on earth. Monday 22 May 2023 (Liverpool) and Wednesday 24 May 2023 (Strathfield). Cost: \$30 plus booking fees. Refreshments served from 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Registrations open at <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

PENTECOST RETREAT

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

Join the Emmanuel Community on retreat for an opportunity to grow in intimacy with the Holy Spirit, who promises us amazing gifts and the transformation of our life! The Church gives us 40 days of Lent to prepare for Easter, and 50 days of Easter to prepare for Pentecost - let us make the most of this wonderful opportunity in our liturgical calendar! **Saturday 27 May, 10:00am – Sunday 28 May, 4:00pm** at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrew's Rd, Varroville NSW 2566. Cost: \$135 (twin share, includes all meals. BYO bedding). \$100 student price. Register: www.trybooking.com/CGXZD Contact the Emmanuel Community for more information: emmanuel Sydney events@gmail.com

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"It is in love that God leads me, by love that God reproves me, by love that God lets me see love in all." 1873



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.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER GARDENING

Mary MacKillop Place, situated in North Sydney, and accessible by public transport, is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer gardeners. Are you someone who enjoys being surrounded by nature's beauty while spending time outdoors? Mary MacKillop Place is a welcoming sacred space, a unique oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our extensive and stunning gardens are an essential part of this peaceful spiritual haven. We are currently seeking volunteers to help us maintain these beautiful gardens. No prior gardening experience is necessary, and all the training, supplies and support you need, will be provided. If you are someone who would welcome the opportunity to garden be it for couple of hours, a day or two a week or fortnight we need you! Please contact Sr Annie Bond Ministry and Mission Manager or email annie.bond@mmp.org.au

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: From death to life
- David's Place celebrate the Easter Triduum
- Editorial: Catholicism's tenacity
- Pope Francis: Break with sin!

CALIX: CATHOLICS MAINTAINING TOTAL ABSTINENCE USING THE 12-STEP.

Are you or a friend, working a 12-step program? The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for: total abstinence, spiritual development, and sanctification of the whole personality. Provide your number to calixsydney@outlook.com for a confidential return phone call. Website: <https://www.calixsociety.org> *'We are substituting the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies'*

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly recommended in churches, as Covid is still very much in our local community.**
- **Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell or even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**
- When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable distancing from others who are in the line. Please wait until there is space before joining the queue.

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppina Tasselli, Martin Michael, Valerie Ingram, Gregory Doyle, Vicente Araullo, Flora Rapisardi, Youssef Nohra, Philomina D'Cruz, Mrs Douglas D'Cruz and Kathrina D'Cruz.

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