

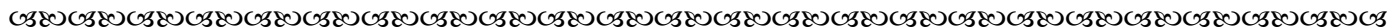
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 19 & 20 OCTOBER 2024

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias



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**SCHOOLS:**

**St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

**St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg

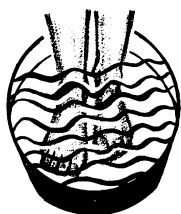
**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am <i>(Italian)</i> 10.30am	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		12.00pm <i>(First Sunday only Urdu)</i>	5.00pm
		6.00pm <i>(Third Sunday only Filipino)</i>	
<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	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <b>Is 53:10-11</b> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <b>Heb 4:14-16</b> ; Gospel: <b>Mk 10:35-45</b>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32:4-5.18-20.22**

**Lord let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. *R/*



The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *R/*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
**Alleluia!**

**BAPTISM**

This weekend at St Gabriel's we welcome Cassian Sokota. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this special occasion.



**FUNERAL**

A Funeral Mass for the late Dorothy Molachino will be held in St Joseph's Church this coming Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10.30am. Please keep her family in your prayers at this sad time.

**ROSARY IN OCTOBER**

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited in St Joseph's Church **each evening at 6.00pm** until Thursday, October 31. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



**NOVEMBER MASSES**

One of the Church's age-old customs is to pray for the dead during the month of November. Naturally we remember our own deceased loved ones, but as an act of charity we especially pray for those for whom there is no-one alive to remember them.

November Mass Envelopes are available in each of our Churches if you would like to have Mass offered for the Holy Souls. Please place your offering on one of the collection plates as soon as possible. Mass Stipend for November Mass is minimum of \$20. These will be brought forward during the offertory at each weekend Mass and placed on the Altar. All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls, rather than for individual requests.

### **FEAST DAY MASS TIMES**

#### **ALL SAINTS DAY – Friday, 1st November**

9.00am Arncliffe 9.00am Rockdale  
10.30am Bexley

#### **ALL SOULS DAY – Saturday, 2nd November**

9.00am Bexley  
5.00pm Arncliffe  
6.30pm Rockdale

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS**

Please keep the students from our parishes who are doing their HSC exams in your prayers. We wish them good luck with their results as they end their formal school years.

### **TURNING YOUR SCARS INTO STARS**

The Jesus Light of the World Communities at St Joseph's are having a Day Retreat and Healing Mass **next Saturday, 26 October** from 9:30 am – 5:30pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale (Parking Entry at Parker St.). The Keynote Speaker is Marina George and Fr John Iacono will be the Presider. **Booking Essential.** Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided. Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114 or Esperance – 0407 749 182.

### **SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2024 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

On Friday 15 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. 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. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2024>

### **THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- St Charbel Lights up the town
- Eastern Churches pray for Lebanon
- Grotto rises from the ashes
- The life of Carlo Acutis celebrated on stage
- Cardinals go global

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course may commence soon if any parishioners have family or friends who have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Faith. Please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 (9am – 1pm Monday to Friday) or email [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) and give their contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age.

### **OF LIFE AND LOVE**

#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND**

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer. Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course. This will be held on **16 - 17 November** (no overnight stay) at St Thomas of Canterbury, Lewisham. More information and registration at [www.trybooking.com/CMGTS](http://www.trybooking.com/CMGTS)

### **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.

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED TO HELP OUT**

We are still looking for some more assistance in our local aged care facilities. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758 if you have an hour or two to spare.

### **CATHOLICCARE - ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE**

Invest in the most important partnership of your life! CatholicCare Sydney offers marriage education and relationship enrichment for couples, paving the way for a happy future. Professional educators apply proven methods to deepen the connection between couples already in a marriage AND for those preparing for a sacramental marriage. Courses are online or available in-person. Reach out to the friendly team at CatholicCare Sydney for more information. Call 13 18 19 or visit [Catholiccare.org](http://Catholiccare.org)

### **COVID REMINDER**

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many of our parishioners, especially the elderly.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell, 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.

### **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 [equiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:equiries@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:** Stefania Bauk, Remo Di Matteo, Dorothy Molachino, Glen Owen Anderson, Roberto Catania and Augustine Poresch Rozario.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Thomas McDermott, Anna Silvio, Norma Greenwood, Clifford Parkes, Anderson and Grasso families, Michael, Carmen & Mary Caruana, Lewis & Ann Zammit, Carmen & Tony Grech, Hannah Raffoul and Giuseppe Maueri.

**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**

"If men and women forget, God does not." 3.3.1882

