

# 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)

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR B - 20 & 21 NOVEMBER 2021

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**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.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Dan 7:13-14</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Apoc 1:5-8</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 18:33-37</i>			

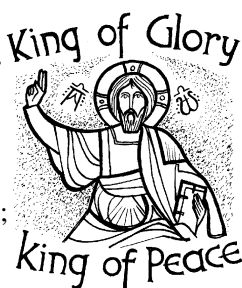
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 92:1-2.5**

**The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. *R/*

The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. *R/*

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. *R/*



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to our parish children who have received their First Holy Communion over the past few days at separate Masses. We pray that they will continue to attend Mass and receive Him regularly into their lives.

Again, we have had Covid interrupt the Sacramental Program, but we managed to get through the problems we encountered. We sincerely wish to thank those who have been involved, even in a small way, especially Fr Yacub, Parish Sacramental Co-ordinators, Parish Catechists, Family Educators, Year 3 teachers, Religious Education teachers, our School Principals and their Executive staff, parish office staff, those who prepared the Liturgies, church cleaners and flower arrangers. Thank you also to the parents and children for being so patient with us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom  
of David, our father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Alleluia!**



**BAPTISMS**

This weekend at St Gabriel's we welcome Christian Nicholson and Romeo Palumberi. We also welcome their families and friends who join them today.

**ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE**  
"Cling to God's love and grace." 1890



**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL**

The CWF Appeal for 2021 will be held **next weekend, 27 & 28 November**. There will be an extra collection plate in our churches for your donations. As we have not had a CWF collection this year due to Covid-19, we ask that you give generously. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but please make sure you complete the details required on the envelopes provided. The envelopes will be found at the Church doors and not on the seats as we have done in the past to avoid unnecessary handling by parishioners.

### RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- We now have a **two-square metre rule**. **Please do not sit in seats that are not available.**
- Families may sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Vaccination is recommended for all parishioners.
- **Masks are still compulsory for attending Mass.** Only the priest and reader (when reading) are exempt.
- Congregational singing is not allowed yet unless all are fully vaccinated, and masks must be worn.
- 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 at the doors.
- 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.
- **Weddings and Funerals** The same density limit (1 person per 2sqm) applies to weddings and funerals **for the fully vaccinated**. If people are not fully vaccinated, there remains an 11-person limit for a wedding ceremony (the couple and celebrant; 2 witnesses; someone to record the service; and 5 guests), and a 10-person limit for funerals (not including the celebrant and others 'required for the conduct' of the funeral service). **The onus rests on the relevant couple or funeral directors** to ensure that these requirements are complied with;

### ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO VISIT AGED CARE HOMES

If there are any Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have some spare time the Parish is really in need of your help taking Holy Communion to the residents of local aged care facilities. We only have a few volunteers and really need some more to cover the numbers of Catholics in these homes. If you are willing to have flu and Covid vaccines and Police Checks, we would love to have your help. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact details.

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Last year the parish Bangladeshi community decorated St Joseph's with Christmas lights. They would like to add more lights this year and are asking if anyone has any outdoor lights they would like to donate to please see Fr Yacub.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 2022 Columban Calendars are now available at the Piety Stalls for \$10 each. **Religious Christmas cards are also available.**

### 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.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

As we get back to regular Masses, please assist the parish and those who count the money each week by making it easier for them. If you use the Planned Giving Envelopes, we ask that you **do not** put a donation in every single envelope for the weeks you have missed. Please just put your total donation in ONE envelope. The computer recording system only records the total donation on any given date, not the individual donations for every week that you put an envelope in. e.g. you have missed 10 weeks of Mass, just use one envelope and put your donation in any one of dates. If you normally give \$5 a week, then put \$50 in one envelope not \$5 in 10 envelopes. Please recycle the unused envelopes.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES AND RECONCILIATIONS

#### RECONCILIATION

Bexley	Saturday, 18th December 8.00 – 9.00am
Arncliffe	Saturday, 18th December 4.00 – 4.45pm
Rockdale	Saturday, 18th December 5.00 – 6.00pm
Rockdale	Tuesday, 21st December 6.00 - 6.30pm

#### MASSES

#### Christmas Eve, Friday, 24th December

**N.B. No morning Mass at Arncliffe today.**

Bexley	5.00pm
Arncliffe	5.00pm
Rockdale	6.30pm

#### Midnight Mass, Friday night/Saturday morning

Rockdale	12.00am Midnight
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#### Christmas Day, Saturday, 25th December

Arncliffe	9.00am
Bexley	9.00am
Rockdale	9.00am (Italian)
Rockdale	10.30am
Rockdale	11.30am – Extra Mass this year
Bexley	5.00pm – Extra Mass this year

#### Boxing Day, Sunday, 26th December

**N.B. No Vigil Masses at either Arncliffe or Rockdale for Sunday and NO 5pm Mass at Bexley in the afternoon.**

Bexley 9.00am; Arncliffe 9.00am and Rockdale 10.30am.

#### New Year's Day – Saturday 1st January

Masses as per regular timetable

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Milan Krakic, Biagio Di Ferdinando, Damiano Bonfa, Maria Grskovic, Peter Paoloni, Antonietta Danieletto, Norma Newton, Darcy Tosh, Giuseppe Monforte, Giuseppe Bruno, Peter Hampton, Marie-Claude Videau, Michele La Manna, Francis Scott, Lance Shepherd and Concetta Ruggier.

**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.**