

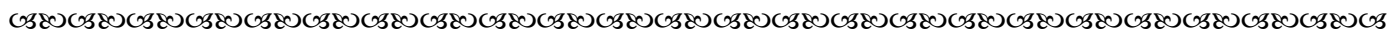
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 22 & 23 JULY 2023

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias



PARISH OFFICE:

13 Parker St, Rockdale 2216.

Phone: 9567 1558

Parish website: www.mmrc.org.au

Email: admin@mmrc.org.au

Office Staff: Ms Fransiska Widjaja and Mrs Monica Chappell

Office hours: Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

Italian Chaplain: Fr Adriano Pittarello: 8068 1595

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 Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	----- 9.00am 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.		
1 st Reading: <i>Wis 12:13, 16-19</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Rom 8:26-27</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 13:24-43</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps 85:5-6.9-10.15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving. IN YOU IS FOUND FORGIVENESS

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. *R/*



All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. *R/*

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to the little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom **Alleluia!**

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

CONFIRMATION 2023

This information is for the parents of students currently in Years 5 and 6 or older and who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The Parent Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 3rd August** at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Hall, Parker St, Rockdale. Parking is available in the school grounds. If your son or daughter is to receive the Sacrament this year, it is expected that one of the parents or a carer attends this meeting. The preparation classes will be held on the four Sundays of August and the Confirmations will be held in September.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2023/24 Financial Year please do so as soon as possible. They will be returned to the Parish Office after this weekend and you will now need to pick them up from there.

**** Your receipts are now available in your preferred church.****

FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held for the late Grazia Ferrara in St Francis Xavier's Church on **Thursday, 3rd August** (next week) at 10.00am. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Next Sunday 30th July, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's Rockdale will be a Family Mass to celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. At the back of the church at Rockdale this weekend, there is a Book of Remembrance for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Please write the names of a Grandparent or elderly family member who has gone before us who you would like to have remembered, and give thanks, for their lives during the Mass next Sunday. There is also an opportunity at the front of the church to write a prayer for your grandparents and the elderly and place it on the Family tree. As part of the celebrations next Sunday, at the conclusion of Mass, there a morning tea will be provided. All welcome. ☺

RETREAT DAY

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite you to join them **next Saturday, 29 July** from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Rockdale. "You are Victorious" is the theme with Marina George, who is a devoted Catholic preacher lady who loves sharing her deep relationship with God the Father, the love of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Booking Essential. FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea provided. Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114 or Ida – 0424 267 500 Email: jlowcommunity@gmail.com

"TAP & GO" MACHINES IN OUR CHURCHES

Parishioners are asked to give to our parishes via the Tap & Go machines which are located in each of our churches. It is a quick and easy way to donate when people don't bring cash to Mass to put on the collection plates. This money goes directly into the parish account and not sent elsewhere. The benefit for the parish of receiving monies this way is to enable us to receive the money instantly and to allow us to have money available for payment for upkeep of the parishes, the utilities and the facilities. It's an added donation to us and we would love it if you can take more advantage of it. ☺

CALIX SOCIETY

"We substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies". Stay and sober with the Catholic faith and a 12-Step program. Join is in prayer for: total abstinence, spiritual development, and personal sanctification. Do you "thirst" for more? Contact calixsydney@outlook.com or <https://www.calixsociety.org>

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.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: JOIN MARY MACKILLOP PLACE!

Mary MacKillop Place (MMP) holds a special place in Australia and for our Church. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, our mission is to create sacred oasis of welcome peace, pilgrimage, education, community engagement, personal and spiritual growth, and social action for all.

At its core is the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, where the tomb of St Mary MacKillop rests, together with the Museum that shares the inspiring story of her life. Situated in North Sydney and conveniently accessible by public transport, MMP is currently in search of enthusiastic volunteers who will warmly welcome and assist visitors to the MMP Museum.

If you enjoy interacting with people and have some spare time, please get it touch! Whether it's for a couple of hours, a day or two a week, fortnightly or month, we would love to have you on board! Rest assured, all necessary training and support will be provided.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager, or send an email to annie.bond@mmp.org.au.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- World Youth Day pilgrims go with haste!
- Natalia Matar hears God's call for WYD
- Sound of Freedom review: Caviezel is the master of expression
- Welcome, maestro! New director of music for St Mary's Cathedral
- Faith on the racetrack: jockey Jack Waterhouse's near-death conversion
- Fr Gerald Gleeson on George Weigel, synodality and Vatican II

RECENTLY DECEASED Michael Farr and Grazia Ferrara.

ANNIVERSARIES: Josephine Ramsay, Betty Jarvis, Paulo Taufa, Jane Breen, Giuseppe Vetrivano, Delia Oke, Jean D'Souza, Anna Landi, Marianna Ciruolo, Norma Dunne, Carmel Shephard, Mario Costantino, David Williams, Maria Nguyen and Betty Donovan.

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

"Be of good heart and let no false fear of God disturb the loving trust and confidence you have in God's mercy and love. No matter what, God is merciful and wants you to trust in this sweet mercy"
12.3.1876

