



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)



PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A - 1 & 2 APRIL 2023

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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 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	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Is 50:4-7</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 2:6-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 26:14-27:66</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.' *R/*



Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. *R/*

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! *R/*

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,

dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and

gave him a name above all other names.

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COMBINED SCHOOL'S MASS AT ST JOSEPHS

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined school's Mass with St Joseph's Rockdale and Marist College Kogarah. Children from both schools will be participating in the liturgies during the Mass and boys from Kogarah Marist will be assisting Father by reading parts of the Gospel.

PALM SUNDAY

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry, and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come. It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

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**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE
RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES**

Italian Reconciliation

Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 10 -10.30am

Second Rite (Communal celebration)

Tuesday, 4th April at Rockdale - 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

Please note: Once the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except in an emergency situation.

HOLY THURSDAY 6th April

7.00pm Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley
(St Joseph's Church will be open after the Mass till Midnight for prayer and adoration)

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

Stations of the Cross
10.00am Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe
6.30pm Rockdale

EASTER SUNDAY 9th April

9.00am Mass Arncliffe 9.00am Mass Bexley
9.00am Mass Rockdale (Italian)
10.30am Mass Rockdale
5.00pm Mass Bexley

EASTER VIGIL MASSES NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

Please remember that the Easter Vigil Mass will be much longer than a normal weekend Mass. Mass will be at least 1.5 hours long with all the special ceremonies and extra readings.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As is the custom around the world, there will be a collection on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross as well as at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. The monies collected are forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat to assist with the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Christ's Life, Passion and Death in the Holy Land. You do not need to give twice if you attend both ceremonies. Many thanks for your financial support.

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.



DIVINE MERCY MASS

Sunday, 16th April, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy. This will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Rockdale with an observance of the Holy Hour, Benediction and Reconciliation at 2pm, followed by Mass at 3:15pm. Come, celebrate!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Midday this coming **Thursday 6th April**, re-opening on Tuesday 11th April at 9am. **The office will also be closed on ANZAC Day, Tuesday, 25th April.**

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.

FUNERAL

A funeral Mass for the late Diego Festa will be held this Monday morning at 10.30am in St Francis Xavier's Church. Please keep his family in your prayers.

WALZ STREET CLOSURE

Bayside Council is closing Walz Street for the celebration of Ramadan in Bayside. Vehicles will not be permitted to park in Walz Street between 4.30pm to 8.30pm and no vehicle will be allowed to enter or exit Walz Street between 5.00pm and 1.00am on **Saturday 15th April.**

The Walz Street entrance to St Joseph's Church grounds will be closed and all traffic for the 6:30pm Mass and parishioners are to enter the school playground parking area via Railway and Parker Streets. Please note that the church/school grounds will be locked up at 7.30pm promptly following Mass and any cars left in these areas will have to remain until the gates are opened for the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass. Please do not plan to attend the festival and to park in the school grounds.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Faith groups respond to Labor win in NSW
- Monica Doumit: What to expect from the Minns government
- Day of the Unborn Child draws record numbers

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>

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Diego Festa

ANNIVERSARIES: Josephine Morgan, Fausto Rossi, Goder Bet, Vittorio Lombardi, Una Devine, Jill Crossley and Anna Lampret.

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

"God is powerful and can do all things." 16.1.1875

