

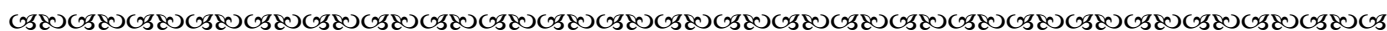
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 17 & 18 AUGUST 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> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Sunday Masses</b>	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
<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>Prov 9:1-6</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Eph 5:15-20</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 6:51-58</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33.2-3, 9-15

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/*

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. *R/*

Come, children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life and many days,  
to enjoy his prosperity? *R/*

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. *R/*



## VISITING CHOIR TO CELEBRATE MASS WITH PARISHIONERS AT ST GABRIEL'S

On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August** the John Paul Singers will visit St Gabriel's Bexley and sing at the 5.00pm Mass. The "JPS" were established by Br. Colin Smith to sing for the Papal visits to Australia in 1986 and 1995. The repertoire is mostly focused on sacred music ranging from plainsong to contemporary works and often featuring compositions by Colin Smith. They work with parish choirs to promote sacred music and choral singing.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend this special Mass.

Director: Stoyan Assenov; Secretary/Manager: Christopher Coad and Organist: Miho Haghigo

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any unclaimed receipts and boxes of envelopes are now available from the parish office. Please phone before coming to see us.

Thank you to all the new parishioners who've taken up the Planned Giving this financial year. This really supports our parish in a practical way.

New Givers are always welcome to join the Planned Giving Envelope System to attract a 30% annual taxation deduction. ☺



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

### SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Each of our churches have special Mass Offering envelopes. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published in the weekly bulletin. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated on a particular date, a minimum of one week's notice must be given.

### PERMANENT PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY

*The Parish of St Joseph's Riverwood* is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary 14 hours per week. The days and hours per day worked are flexible between Tuesday to Friday.

The duties will vary in nature and include, but not limited to managing the parish office including correspondence, emails, telephone calls and maintaining parish and sacramental records. Assisting various parish ministry groups and volunteers, and welcoming visitors and guests. A sound level of computer literacy, including Microsoft Office, and administrative skills are essential requirements for this position.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Lynelle Lembryk by email at [stjosephriverwood@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephriverwood@outlook.com) or phone on 0403 795 381

### RAISING FATHERS EVENING SERIES

In an age where there is a training manual for almost everything, there is still no manual, map, or compass for carrying out one of the most important and impacting tasks on earth—fathering!

Join us for a RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world.

Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, published author and co-founder of menALIVE. Since the founding of menALIVE in 2003, this work has delivered 450 events across 26 dioceses and numerous schools in Australia and NZ reaching more than 30,000 men.

#### DATES AND VENUES

**Monday, 26 August** - St Patrick's College Sutherland: 551 President Avenue, Sutherland

**Tuesday, 27 August** - Corpus Christi College Maroubra: 35 Donovan Ave, Maroubra

**Wednesday, 28 August** - De La Salle College Revesby Heights: 9 Ferndale Road, Revesby Heights

See this site for more information and to register, <https://www.trybooking.com/CUADF>

### GRACE & TRUTH EVENING

Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Tuesday, 1st October for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. This event will commence a series of evening retreats with the Dominicans in 2025. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, preached Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by the Dominicans. The event will run from 5-9pm, starting in the St Mary Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$35. To register visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CTNDW>. For more info, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).

### 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.

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Religious freedom is still possible, says Professor Helen Alvaré
- Jamberoo Benedictines call for help for damaged abbey
- Religious Discrimination and 'Equality' Bills delayed again
- Disciple Diaries: Muslim badminton star joins 'Team Jesus'
- Morale key to restoration of priesthood: Fr John Hill
- Fr John Flader on conscience and the magisterium

### 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.

### CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

In this cold weather, men and boys are reminded to remove caps and beanies **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.

### 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 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Arena, Jose Guevara Erazo, Walter & Bernadette Comber, Alexis Blades, Mario Desisto, Soon Hoe Boey, Bill Bela Gerber, Ramon Reyes, Luigi Bredice, Michelle Szendroi, Baby Toby Szendroi, Sydney Jaques, Phyllis Collins, John Donohue, Antonio Mines, Jabbour & Jennifer Azizi.

**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 wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life." 1899

