

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)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 11 & 12 JUNE 2022

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SCHOOLS:

St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Carolyn Yeats

St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Acting 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.		
1st Reading: <i>Prov 8:22-31</i> ; 2nd Reading: <i>Rom 5:1-5</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 16:12-15</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 8:4-9

**O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? *R/*

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. *R/*

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air,
and fish that make their way through the waters. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY

St Gabriel's Primary school will be having a family Mass this Sunday at 5.00pm. Please make the staff and families welcome. ☺

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Jess Best and Jude Best who will be baptised at St Joseph's. Also, Matthew Bevan will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass for the late Marie Harring will be held **this coming Wednesday, 15th June** at 10.30am in St Gabriel's Church. Please keep her family in your prayers at this sad time.

WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION RETURNS

Sydney's annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Walk with Christ, is the first public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney since 2019. To be held **next Sunday, 19th June** beginning with a gathering of parishes and groups and entertainment on the corner of Martin Place and Pitt St at 1.30pm. The procession to the Cathedral will commence at 2:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our public support for our Catholic faith as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our city's streets.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2022/23 Financial Year are now available from the church you have nominated.

N.B. The weekend of June 25 & 26 June will be the last weekend for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes. Any donations received after **Sunday 26th June** will go into the next financial year. This includes dropping envelopes to the Parish Office during the week or paying online after 26th.

If any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope Program for the coming New Financial Year are asked to please contact the Parish Office (9567 1558) as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences. By donating to the parish through Planned Giving, you are able to obtain a 30% taxation deduction at the end of the financial year.

If anyone has changed their address or phone number, please notify the office so we can adjust our records. This is particularly important if you have disconnected your old land line phone and have only a mobile phone. Any enquiries about the program are most welcome. ☺

ST GABRIEL'S BEXLEY PLAYGROUP

Parents with children aged 0 to preschool age are welcome to come along between 9am to 10.45am and try "Little Gabbies Playgroup." which will recommence this **Friday 17 June** in St Gabriel's Parish Hall, at 18 Salisbury Ave, Bexley. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer at all times. A gold coin donation is welcome for each session. For more information, please email Jane Lui: jane.lui@syd.catholic.edu.au

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from **next Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June**. On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with His Grace at St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass, after which families participate in the 'Festival of Families' beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children. More information and resources for this event are available at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITIES

"ReCHARGE" Gathering: Praise & Worship, Talk, Prayer & Empowerment & Fellowship. Every Saturday at 3.00pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Rockdale. Enquiries: Helen: 0433455114 Ida: 0424 267 500 or more information at www.jlowcom.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.

NEWS ON THE PLENARY COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a more synodal Church: as more communal, more participatory and more missionary? A synod is more than a series of meetings. It is a new way of being the Church- by listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit in the many different voices of all the baptised. So, what have the members of the Archdiocese of Sydney said? Read the Synod Report on the Archdiocesan website:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/>

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

Young men from 18-35 years are invited to immerse themselves in a quiet environment to really focus attention on listening to God, **next weekend 24-26 June**. Surrounded by the serene and peaceful setting of the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, this weekend will enable you to spend some quality time in prayerful silence with Mass, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, Adoration and much more. This is a silent retreat for those considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The retreat will be led by the Assistant Director of Vocations, Fr Daniele Russo. Registration: \$75 (includes accommodation and meals) | Registration online [here](#). For enquiries, please call 02 9307 8424 or email us at vocations@sydneycatholic.org

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with a new version of the virus in the community.
- 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 wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you do not think you have Covid and just have a sore throat, headache or a simple cold.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Harring, Jennifer Laifoo, Frank Biviano, Tom McPartlan, Epifania Mercado and Michael Maugeri.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Powderly, Teresa Mazzeo, Maria Pizzale, Providenza Bonica, Natale Danieletto, Francisco Xavier Nguyen,

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
"Seek to please God" 8.6.1868

