

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)

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 25 & 26 JUNE 2022

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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.		
1 st Reading: <i>1 Kg 19:16. 19-21</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Gal 5:1.13-18</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 9:51-62</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15:1-2.5.7-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize. *R/*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *R/*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay. *R/*

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;

you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

COMBINED SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

This Sunday the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined St Joseph's and Marist College Kogarah Mass for students and families. A Sausage Sizzle will follow the Mass in the school grounds. **Please note that the school grounds will be locked today to vehicles. Limited parking on the tennis court in Parker St.** All welcome. ☺

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

This weekend, 25th and 26th June, there will be a Leaving Collection following all the Masses. All the monies collected from across the Archdiocese will be forwarded directly to the Holy See via the Archdiocesan Chancery. The monies will enable Pope Francis to support his charitable and pastoral ministries throughout the world. There are envelopes on the seats for you donation but there is no tax deduction available.

CONFIRMATION 2022

This weekend our Year 6 parish children will conclude their instructions in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will be held on Sunday, 31st July in St Mary's Cathedral. Over the coming weeks, please keep these children in your prayers as prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in their lives and deepen their relationship with Christ.



FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass for the late Betty Jarvis will be held this coming **Thursday 30th June** at 11.00am in St Gabriel's Church. Please keep her family in your prayers.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a few packets of Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2022/23 Financial Year to be collected from the churches. Please collect as soon as possible.

N.B. This 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 **this Sunday 26th June** will go into the next financial year. This includes dropping envelopes to the Parish Office during this 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. ☺

AT HOME RETREAT

The Heart of Life Spiritual and Pastoral Formation invite you to participate in an "At home retreat". The retreat offers an opportunity for those wanting to spend some time in prayer at home each day, reviewing your day's experiences and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly via Zoom, at a mutually agreed time. This at-home retreat spans five weekly Mondays beginning with an introductory session on Monday, August 1 at 11.30am, continues on August 8, 15, 22 then concludes on Monday, August 29. Weekly sessions are from 11.30 – 12.30pm. Please register your interest by Monday, July 18. A small donation will be welcome. To register or for further information, please phone: 03 9890 1100; email info@heartoflife.melbourne or visit their website: www.heartoflife.melbourne

SUPPORT CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with a newer 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 just have a sore throat or a simple cold.

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.

LITURGY COURSES AVAILABLE IN OUR PARISH

Following consultation with the Archdiocese our parish is please to announce that Liturgy courses will be available in September for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes and Readers. These are also available in other parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

These courses are also available for people to attend from any other parish, but priority will be given to our own parishioners first, when they are held in our area.

I would very much request that anyone who is currently undertaking these roles attends these courses to gain the qualification via the Archdiocese, no matter how long you have been assisting in these areas in the parish.

Also, we would really love to have more Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes in our three churches. You may have noticed that the same people are doing these duties week after week. We have lost many volunteers over the past two years who have passed away, left the parish or no longer attend regular Mass. All three churches really do need some new people to step up and take some of these roles in our parishes.

Only accept a certain number of participants will be accepted for each course. This means that with regard to enrolment, priority will need to be given to parishioners from the parish where the course is taking place. So, we really need to know who would like to attend by **Friday, 15th July by emailing the parish office admin@mmrc.org.au**. Next year these courses we will continue to be offered but possibly in different parishes, so if it happens that we are not able to accommodate parishioners this year, there will be more opportunities next year. The Archdiocese plan to have a schedule for 2023 ready before the end of this year.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays 7th September AND 14th September from 6pm – 9pm at St Francis Xavier, Arncliffe

ACOLYTES

Saturdays 10th September AND 17th September from 9am – 12 noon at St Francis Xavier, Arncliffe

READERS

Saturdays 29th October AND 5th November from 9am – 12 noon at St Francis Xavier, Arncliffe

RECENTLY DECEASED: Betty Jarvis, Lenore Harrigan

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Stodart, Maureen Weeks, Antonietta Colella, Vonnie Flower and Souaad Jabbour.

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

"Many things we condemn are pleasing to God, because God sees the motives" 1907

