

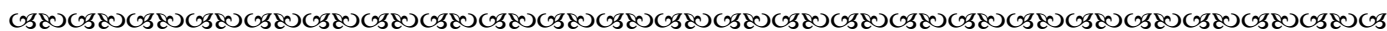
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 18 & 19 NOVEMBER 2023

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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### 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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> 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
<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 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Thess 5:1-6</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 25:14-30</i>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – ps. 127:1-5

**Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. *R/*

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. *R/*

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. *R/*



### MASS AND HEALING LITURGY

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass at **St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale at 10.30a.m. next Sunday, 26th November.** The UV Graduates Choir will be singing at this Mass. Fr. Justin is visiting Australia from the Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. Mass will be followed by anointing for those who wish to partake in this gift of Healing. We all have a need of some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual.

### FR YACUB'S JUBLIEE MASS

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to join in celebrating Father Yacub's 30th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. This special event will take place on **Sunday, 10th December** at the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church, followed by a sausage sizzle afterwards.

### VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR ST JOSEPHS

The team of workers at St Joseph's require some assistance on a weekly basis with the following tasks.

- \* flower arranging
- \* cleaning the vessels (weekly)
- \* cleaning the votive candle stand (weekly)

Please contact the Parish Office 9567 1558 if you can help out with this important parish work. 😊

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**



### BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Liam David who will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this special day.



### ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO VISIT AGED CARE HOMES

If there are any current or past Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have some spare time, the Parish needs help taking Holy Communion to the residents of local aged care facilities. Two of our volunteers are resigning at the end of this year and we only have a few volunteers to cover the numbers of Catholics in local facilities. If you are willing to have flu and Covid vaccines and Police Checks, we would love to have your assistance. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

### CALVARY HOSPITAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

An invitation is extended to parishioners to attend a Remembrance Service to be held at Calvary Hospital for those who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. The service will be on **Tuesday, 28th November** and commences at 7 pm and followed by a light supper. As the chapel is still closed, service will be in Hospital's Conference Centre, 91-111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of loved ones.

### CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Come along to St Mary's Cathedral forecourt from December 14 to 25 December and join the festivities. Live entertainment will begin at 6.30pm. The signature light show of Christmas art will be projected onto the cathedral from 8:30pm. #ChristmasAtTheCathedral

### JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Prayer Gatherings: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk and Fellowship in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Saturdays from 2:30pm – 5pm. Special guest speaker, 25 November - Nestor Aldana Enquiries: Helen (0433 455 114), Ida (0424 267 500)

### 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

There are only a few 2024 Columban Calendars still available. If you still want one, they are in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Br Peter Bray in Bethlehem - I've never seen Palestinians so frightened."
- Sydney's front yards get a touch of grace before Advent
- Liturgical reform a history of 'triumphs and tragedies'
- Kandinsky: The Christian story of modern art you won't hear
- Catholic medics join forces before euthanasia laws start
- Sydney Catholic Schools embraces future changes

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are available in all our churches. The minimum offering is \$20.00. **All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls**, rather than for individual requests.

### MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND THOSE HOPING TO CONCEIVE

All expectant mothers and those hoping to conceive are warmly invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 10 December**, with an opportunity to receive a special blessing from Bishop Richard Umbers with relics of St. Gerard Majella and St. Gianna Molla. Register before 1 December for catering purposes at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLMSM>

### 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.

### PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Australia is looking for a volunteer Accountant/ Finance Officer. Are you a retired Accountant looking to contribute your financial skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accountant will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. Email [kevin@palms.org.au](mailto:kevin@palms.org.au) or 9560 5333

### ADVENT RETREAT

"Waiting with Faith, Hope and Love" via Zoom on the 26th of November, or in person at St Bernadette's, Carlton on the 2nd of December. All are welcome! If you would like to join, please contact: Verbum Dei Female Missionaries email: [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or 0402 374 751.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. You can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or [equiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:equiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### COVID REMINDER

- Masks are still 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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John Alt

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patricia Gilsean, Darcy Tosh, Damiano Bonfa, Maria Grskovic, Tina Fasanella, Milan Krakic, Michael Giardullo, Maria Giardullo, Francis Scott, Peter Paoloni, Norma Newton, Giuseppe Monforte, Giuseppe Bruno, Michele La Manna, Antonietta Danieletto and Kathleen Moberley.

**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 WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"God is good and knows what is for the best." 23.11.1870

