



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)

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B - 4 & 5 MAY 2024



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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
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 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: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10; Gospel: Jn 15:9-17			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. *R/*

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. *R/*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *R/*



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (CWF)

- **This weekend 4 & 5 May**, there will be a **THIRD** collection after Holy Communion for the final appeal for the current financial year. There are envelopes on the church pews for this appeal. If you have forgotten your donation this week, please take an envelope home with you and return it next weekend with your donation. There is information on the envelope if you wish to use a credit card.
- Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but **please complete ALL the information required for a tax-deductible receipt.**

Many thanks for your ongoing practical support of these important works.



CHURCH KEYS AUDIT NOTICE

As we commence a Church keys audit for Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe, we kindly ask for your assistance. If you currently hold any church key/s, please contact the Parish Office during office hours to arrange their return by the end of May. Furthermore, if you are aware of others in possession of church key/s, please notify us promptly.

It is important to note that the Church keys are Church property and are managed by the Parish Priest / Parish Office. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation during this audit process.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, 2nd June is the date for the annual Walk with Christ procession in the city. Please keep the date free and join our parish community. More information next week.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Emma & Sofia Lie and Riley & Tilly Shu who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS ANNUAL RAFFLE

If you attend Mass at St Gabriel's over the next few weeks there will be tickets for sale for the annual fundraising raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. There will be four prizes of both quilted and crocheted, double and single sized quilts. We thank you for your continued support.

ROSARY IN MAY

The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** until Friday, 31st May in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System for the coming New Financial Year, are asked to contact the Parish Office via email and give some details. **There is a 30% Tax Deduction incentive** available if you are a wage earner and lodge a Tax Return at the end of each financial year. This is a positive way of supporting our parishes. Please consider our appeal.

If there are any retired parishioners who currently donate through the envelopes but who may want to change to a 'non-tax receipt' category, they are asked to please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences. **All new enquiries are welcome.** 😊

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY

Our parish Liturgical Ministers are invited to join the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Eucharistic Retreat Day. **This will be held next Saturday, 11 May** at St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt. The doors open at 9.30am and the retreat will be held from 10.00am – 4.00pm. All liturgical ministers from our parishes are invited, especially those whose contribution can sometimes be overlooked, e.g. Ushers, Greeters, Collectors, AV Operators, etc.

Naturally, other liturgical ministers, such as Readers, Acolytes, Cantors and Musicians, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. are also invited. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. **The cost is \$15.**

For more information email: sydney@op-tn.org or book <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1162316>

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.

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.

AN INVITATION FOR WOMEN OF THE PARISH

The St George Network of Family Educator's invites you to a

Women's Health Night!

Let us come together as women to celebrate our friendships and share our joy.

WHEN - Wednesday 15th May, 6.30pm

WHERE - St Raphael's Catholic Primary School,

82 George St, South Hurstville

COST - \$10 via QR code

RSVP - May 10th (over 18 event)

Join us for guest speakers, finger food, a glass of bubbles and lucky door prizes!



COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still all around us and masks are recommended in churches.
- 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: Bishop Peter Ingham, Max Gunner, Joseph Tien, Laura Bergamo, Giuseppe Menoncello and Rosetta Menoncello.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nuala Ventura, Basil Kohary, Pamela Burns, Sr Joan Keating RSJ, Andrej Bauk, Andrew Pike, Vincenzo Colantuono, Maureen Cook, Carmine Ara, Milka Slavin, Gaetana Vaccaro, Maria Cehic, Allan Latham, Tommaso Rizzo and Clara Acallar.

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

"Be full of forgiveness, hope and love." 26.11.1873

