



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)



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 21 & 22 MAY 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	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>Acts 15:1-2, 22-29</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 14:23-29</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 66:2-3.5-6.8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. *R/*

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. *R/*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

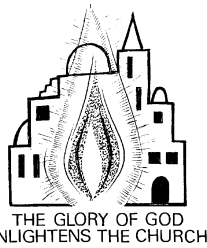
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Fr Yacub would like to invite all parishioners to come along for a sausage sizzle on **Pentecost Sunday, 5th June** at 11.30am in the school grounds at St Joseph's. This is a social opportunity to get together as a parish community. ☺



CONFIRMATION 2022

This information is for the parents of students currently in **Years 6** or older who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The Parent Information Meeting will be held **this coming Thursday, 26th May** at 7.00pm, St Joseph's Hall in Rockdale. If your son or daughter is to receive the Sacrament this year, it is imperative that one of the parents or a carer attends this meeting. **The meeting is not for the children.** The Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 31st July** at 3.00pm with other parishes in the St George Deanery.

GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Since thanks to all who participated in Gabbies Raffle over the past four weeks. The winners are -

1st Prize Catherine Phillips 2nd Prize Natasha
3rd Prize Pauline Fenech 4th Prize Brendan

Special thanks to all ticket sellers for their assistance.

PENTECOST RETREAT

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite parishioners to their Pentecost Retreat "*Let The Fire Fall*" on **Saturday June 4**, from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Parker St, Rockdale. The Speakers are Marina George and Ron Maldigri. To book go to:

www.trybooking.com/BYXKO

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you are new to the parish and want to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System in the coming financial year (2022/23) please contact the Parish Office. There is a 30% tax deduction incentive if you are a wage earner and if you lodge a tax return.

If you are currently donating through the envelopes but want to change to the 'non-tax category' please contact the Parish Office 9567 1558 or admin@mmrc.org.au) as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

N.B. Parishioners who have Envelope numbers 1-99 (Rockdale or Bexley) and 200-299 (Arncliffe) already qualify to claim the tax deduction in their tax return.

HOW THE PARISH USES YOUR DONATIONS – DID YOU KNOW?

First Collection

Supports all Priests in the Sydney Archdiocese

Easter, Christmas, wedding and baptism offerings are all added to the first collection. This is passed on to the Archdiocese.

Second Collection

Supports All Other Parish Expenses

Your donations through the planned giving envelopes, all cash placed on the plate, and the tap-and-go machines make up the second collection.

These funds are used to cover ALL parish expenses and to support pastoral activities. Expenses include administration, insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, and the repair and maintenance of all parish buildings.

Parish expenses include insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, the repair and maintenance of all buildings (churches, halls, presbyteries, convent and office), etc. Note that the parishes must operate within its own income and cannot draw money for expenses from any source other than parish income.

In addition, any shortfall in the yearly target set by the Archdiocese for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has to be covered by this collection. As our parishes do not meet the CWF target, funds are directed to the shortfall each year.

Special Collections

The Parish does not retain any money from these collections. These include Charitable Works Fund Appeals, Holy Father's Collection, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and Caritas/Project Compassion.

Thank You for your parish support

Your ongoing generosity and support of the parishes is gratefully acknowledged. Everyone's circumstances are different, therefore, please know that you are not expected to give any more than is reasonable.

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.

Please donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

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.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

Young men are invited to immerse yourself in a quiet environment for you to really focus your attention on listening to God. Surrounded by the serene and peaceful bushlands of Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 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 weekend for young men 18-35 years old considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The retreat will be led by the Assistant Director of Vocations, Fr Daniele Russo. For enquiries, please call 02 9307 8424 or email us at vocations@sydneycatholic.org Registration: \$75 (includes accommodation and meals). Online registration: <https://forms.gle/Wi3Vq63kwBwdHRRv9>

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.

ONLINE CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Sydney Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, Didaskō seeks to respond to Christ's Great Commission to "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev. Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland. Cost: \$25 per course. Bishop Umbers will present the first Didaskō course on Wednesdays **1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm – 8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism.". For more information, contact Helen Wagner at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org. Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmel McCarthy.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Moore, Betty Sullivan, Sr Margaret Meacham, Jose Coelho, Ciro Vitiello, Bruce Beck, Patricia Neylan, John Lloyd, Kate Donoghue and Sr Helen Leary.

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 WACKILLOPS QUOTE

"Believe in the whisperings of God in your own heart. 21.12/1868

