

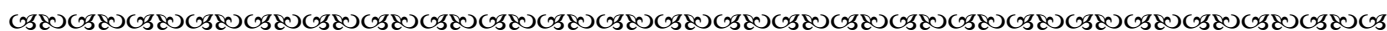
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 3 & 4 AUGUST 2024

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

**Assistant Parish Priest** – Fr Norvin Dias



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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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Sunday Masses</b>	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>Ex 16:2-4, 12-15</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Eph 4:4-17, 20-24</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 6:24-35</i>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 77:3-4,23-25,54**

**The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. *R/*

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. *R/*

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. *R/*



**CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)**

**THIS weekend, 3 & 4 August** will be the first of three appeals for this financial year for the Charitable Works' Fund. The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the archdiocese: hospital, gaol and university chaplaincies, the deaf community, the aboriginal community, seminarians preparing for priesthood, CatholicCare and resources for catechists visiting state schools to name just a few. A third collection for the CWF Appeal will follow after Holy Communion **THIS weekend**. *GO UP*

Each parish is given a quota to fund each appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If this quota is not met, then the shortfall comes from our own parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, but please make sure you complete the details required on the envelopes provided. Please take home an envelope and return by next weekend with your donation. Many thanks for your ongoing support of this important work within the archdiocese.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER YACUB ☺**

**This Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August**, is Father Yacub's birthday. It is also the anniversary of Father Norvin's Ordination. Congratulations to both our priests on these special events in their lives. Please see the notice on the next page.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.  
**Alleluia!**

**BAPTISM**

This Sunday we welcome Maia Timpoc who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.

### THANK YOU, FATHER GEOFF,

Many thanks to Father Geoff Plant who has been assisting with the 9am Sunday Mass at St Gabriel's while Father Norvin has been on leave. Please offer him thanks if you see him this Sunday.



Father Norvin will return by next weekend.

### SPECIAL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY

- St Francis Xavier's School will be having a Family Mass at 9.00am next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. Any children and families from our local public schools are also invited. There will be a sausage sizzle following the Mass in the school grounds.
- To celebrate the coming Feast of St Mary MacKillop, this Thursday (8<sup>th</sup> August), Father Yacub's birthday and the anniversary of Father Norvin's Ordination a Family Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's at 10.30am next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. The children, staff and families of St Joseph's and local public schools are invited to attend. A sausage sizzle will be held in the school grounds following the Mass.

All parishioners are welcome at either Mass next Sunday!

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Tax-deductible Receipts for the Financial Year 2023-2024 **are now available** for collection near the front door of each of our churches. Parishioners who do not require a tax-deductible receipt are also issued a statement of their donations to other charitable appeals for donations received by our parishes in the past financial year. If you have given to any of the special collections in the past year, e.g. Vinnies, CWF, Priest's Retirement Fund you will be issued with a parish receipt.

After this weekend, any unclaimed receipts and boxes of envelopes will be available from the parish office.

Parishioners who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System may contact the Parish Office on 9567 1558 or admin@mmrc.org.au. New enquiries are most welcome. ☺

### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference dedicates the first week of August each year to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning one of these vocations. This year's National Vocations Awareness Week is held from August 4-11, coinciding with the liturgical celebrations of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney. We encourage all the faithful to dedicate an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the 40-hours for Vocations event (August 9-11) at St Joachim's, Lidcombe.

### SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Each of our churches have special Mass Offering envelopes. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published in the weekly bulletin. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated on a particular date, a minimum of one week's notice must be given.

### 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.

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Vocations Week Guide: Liftout inside this week's Catholic Weekly
- Uni Open Days: Information for students seeking tertiary education
- Jacob Kiraz's City2Serve
- "God is always calling us:" ordination of new deacon
- Take Olympic scandal to prayer, Archbishop Fisher says
- Dr Anna Walsh: Advice for pro-life professionals

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

In this cold weather, men and boys are reminded to remove caps and beanies **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.

### COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many parishioners, especially the elderly.
- 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: Denise Annetts

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terrence McBride, Patricia Quirk, Joseph Mandile, Paulo Taufu, Maria Varacalli, Pietro Tesoriero, Giuseppe Casagrande, Ross McIntosh, Julia Burns, John Delfino, Nell & John Leary, Antonio Festa, Giorgio Festa, Mrs Tso, Maria & Otto Kovaciv.

**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

"Let self be forgotten, let God's holy will be done."  
(16.2.1875)

