

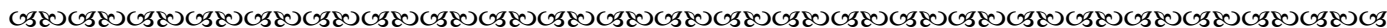
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 2 & 3 NOVEMBER 2024

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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>) 10.30am	9.00am
Sunday Masses		12.00pm (<i>First Sunday only Urdu</i>)	5.00pm
		6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	
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
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Deut 6:2-6</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Heb 7:23-28</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 12:28-34</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 17:2-4, 7-51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. *R/*



Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his King
and shown his love for his anointed. *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!



BAPTISMS

This weekend at St Francis Xavier's we welcome Gwendolyn Nelson, Olivia Panto and Charlie Toovey. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special day.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

The final Appeal for 2024 will be held across the Archdiocese **this weekend, 2nd and 3rd November** with a third collection after Holy Communion. The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the Sydney Archdiocese: hospital, gaol and university chaplaincies, the Catholic deaf community, the aboriginal community, seminarians preparing for priesthood, CatholicCare and resources for catechists visiting state schools. Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If donations fall short of the target, the parish must use their funds to make up the difference. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided. Many thanks for your ongoing support of this important work within the archdiocese.

FAMILY MASSES

- **Today** at the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's, please welcome the children and families who attend St Joseph's Primary and the local public schools. A morning tea will be held after Mass, all welcome.
- **Next Sunday, 10th November** the 9.00am Mass at St Francis Xavier's will be a Family Mass for children and families who attend St Francis Xavier's Primary and the local public schools.

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

FUNERAL SERVICE

A funeral service will be held in St Gabriel's Church this coming Monday morning, **4th November at 10.30am** for the late Barry Maurer.

FIRST MONDAY HEALING MASS

For several years now, on the first Monday of each month, the 9.00am morning Mass at St Gabriel's Bexley has been a Healing Mass. The Mass will be held, this **Monday, 4th November**.

URGENT CHARITY REQUEST

Do you have any serviceable handbags you do not use any more? The handbags are filled with products used by women fleeing domestic violence. If you can help, please deliver any useable items to **St Gabriel's Church Hall ONLY, next Sunday, 10th November** between 10.00am and 11.00am. There is entry through the church driveway off Stoney Creek Rd, opposite Medway St OR the pedestrian walk-way beside 18 Salisbury Avenue, Bexley. Thank you for your help and consideration.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One of the Church's age-old customs is to pray for all deceased during the month of November. Naturally we remember our own loved ones, but as an act of charity we especially pray for those for whom there is no-one alive to remember them.

November Mass Envelopes are available in each of our Churches if you would like to have Mass offered for the Holy Souls. Please place your offering on one of the collection plates as soon as possible. Mass Stipend for November Mass is minimum of \$20. Please place your envelopes in the collection plates. All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls, rather than for individual requests.

SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2024 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

On Friday 15 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2024>

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

As we enter the summer season, we kindly remind everyone to dress modestly when attending church. Modesty helps create a respectful and reverent atmosphere that honours our shared space for worship. Please avoid clothing that is too short or revealing, such as low-cut tops, shorts, or skirts more suited for the gym or beach.

Additionally, we ask that men please remove their hats before entering the church. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

PRAYERS FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

Please keep in your prayers the students from our parishes who are doing their HSC exams. We wish them good luck with their results as they end their formal school years.

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

- End of Synod proves how much Catholics have in Common
- The Abdallahs' meet the Royals
- Joe de Bruyn: ACU graduation speech in full
- Tim Kirk: Wine and faith at Catholic Parishes at Bondi
- A Brush with Faith: Cleansing the Temple
- Retreats 2024: A guide to your retreat centres

SYDNEY TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN 2028

At the recent 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, we heard the announcement that the Church of Sydney had been hoping for: that we will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, 100 years since Sydney last hosted this great event and twenty years since it hosted World Youth Day.

To find out more about IEC 2028, and join our mailing list to receive future updates, visit <http://iec2028.org>

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many of our parishioners, especially the elderly.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell, 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.

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.

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: Dorothy Molachino, Robert Abood and Barry Maurer.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Kerrigan, David Mandile, Reginald Huthnance, Antonietta & Pietro Masiello, Shaun Padua and Howard Lewis.

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

"Keep up your courage." 30.11.1868

