



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)

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B - 22 & 23 MAY 2021



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St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Carolyn Yeats

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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 (Italian) 10.30am 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)	----- 9.00am 5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday (Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (Benediction at 8.45am)
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	10.30am 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. The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.		
1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Gal 5:16-25; Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe! *R/*



You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. *R/*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

FAREWELL MASS FOR FR FRANK REGALA

A farewell Mass for Fr Frank will be held at 10.30am on
Sunday 13th June at St Joseph's. A special collection will
taken at all Masses this weekend for Fr Frank. All welcome

SYDNEY MALE CHOIR PRESENTS

"WE RISE AGAIN!"

Gather some friends and come along **NEXT Sunday 30th May at 2:00pm to St Joseph's Church Rockdale** to hear featuring songs from Musicals - Miss Saigon, Guys & Dolls, Les Miserables - and by Queen, Billy Joel, Paul Simon, and more! A wonderful afternoon of great music will be enjoyed by all attending!

All tickets: \$20.00 (school age children – FREE!)

Book online: www.sydneymalechoir.com or pay on the day

Proceeds from the concert will be donated to "Mary MacKillop Today" to assist the St Joseph's nuns with their work in Timor Leste, one of the world's newest and most disadvantaged nations.

Help needed please! If there are people from each of our 3 church communities, St Gabriel's, St Francis Xavier's and St Joseph's, who could help with distribution of publicity flyers and posters, or if anyone has a business, or know someone has a business, and would be happy to display a publicity poster, please contact Kevin Burg 0432 390 217.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Benjamin Castelletto, Reiko Ishiwatari and Kalix Faraone at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on their special day.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep the young ones preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide them and deepen their faith and commitment.

CENSUS – AGE GROUPINGS SURVEY

During the month of May at all weekend Masses, we have been doing a head count of people who are attending Mass. Someone will be attending to this as you enter the church or during the Mass.

This weekend, we have been asked to specify ‘age-range’ groups of people attending. We ask that you please readily give this information as asked when you enter the churches. This information will be reported back to the Archdiocese as per their instructions.

ARCHBISHOP FISHER’S PASTORAL LETTER

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has released a new Pastoral Letter, “*Lead us Back to Mass for the Church’s Birthday!*” inviting Catholics to return to Mass **this Pentecost Sunday 23 May** and beyond. A copy is available at the church this weekend or online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

Parish Ambassadors are gathering on **July 3**. How can you be involved in the Plenary Council?

- Pray the Plenary Prayer from Pentecost until the Assembly.
- Visit the Plenary Council website especially Fan the Flame site www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame.
- View the videos produced by the Sydney working group by Bishop Brady and Stephen Noone in response to the call from so many for spiritual formation <https://www.sydney catholic.org/about-us/plenary-council-2020/#Plenary-Council-Assembly-October-2021>.
- Listen to the podcasts about the Plenary Council <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/listen/>.

DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT DAYS WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST CECILIA

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple? Throughout June and July the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are working with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to offer three one-day retreats on what it means to be a disciple, how to grow as a disciple, and how to respond to the gift of discipleship by serving in the parish and the wider community. These retreats are aimed at providing the people of the parishes and Eucharistic communities in Sydney with an opportunity to enter more deeply into their own experience of being a disciple of Jesus, in keeping with the call of our Mission Plan, Go Make Disciples.

Date and locations

- **13 June, St Mary’s Cathedral**
- **26 June, Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills**

Registration essential at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

Cost: \$10 per person, with light lunch included. Email Helen at parishrenewal@sydney catholic.org if you are unable to cover the cost of your registration, or for any enquiries about these retreats.

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary places her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance still required us to observe the **two-square metre rule**. **Our three churches are limited for numbers attending.**
- Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Masks are no longer compulsory for attending Mass but still recommended.
- Congregational singing is now allowed again.
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **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 go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney 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 equiries@sydney catholic.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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jocelyn Hushes and Herman & Edviges.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Moore, Betty Sullivan, Sr Margaret Meacham, Ciro Vitiello, Patricia Neylan, Jose Coelho, Bruce Beck, John Lloyd and Donald Kell.

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 rest in peace. Amen.

ST MARY WACKILLOP’S QUOTE

“May God grant you courage and true wisdom in all you do and say.” 12.6.1875

