

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)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 3 & 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

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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 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 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: Wis 9:13-18; 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Gospel: Lk 14:25-33			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89:3-6.12-14.17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say:
'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,
come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. *R/*

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. *R/*

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. *R/*

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. *R/*

GIVE ALL WID ALL **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!



PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION PASTORAL APPEAL

This weekend, 3rd & 4th September we will be having the annual appeal to support the Priests who are no longer working full-time. When priests move from full-time ministry they need support, so that they are not disadvantaged with respect to housing, living expenses, health care and transport, etc. In order to provide this support, we need to actively participate to the Retirement Fund, by raising funds through this annual appeal. People continually value our ministry and are keen to support, and your contributions are truly appreciated. Let us be generous as God is with us. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for supporting your brother priests, through the Priests' Retirement Foundation. **There will be a special 3rd collection at all Masses this weekend after Holy Communion.** Please be generous for this special appeal.

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

Happy Fathers' Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers and uncles this weekend. The male role-models in our lives are so important, and we thank them especially for their love and care. Let us also remember those who have died, and those families who have lost their fathers, especially during the past year.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Fern Greaves at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first-time next weekend at special Masses, separate from the Parish Masses, in each of our three churches.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

Each of our three Churches have Piety Stalls with appropriate gifts for the children who will receive their First Holy Communion next weekend. Please support our parishes and give a Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

RCIA COURSE COMMENCING SOON

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course will commence in September. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and / or being received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2023, please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 or email admin@mmrc.org.au. The course is open to all people over 16 years of age. It will be held in the St Joseph's Rockdale presbytery, 13 Parker St, Rockdale from 7.30 – 8.30pm every Tuesday.

People MUST live in our parish boundaries of Rockdale, Arncliffe or Bexley.

FREE TREE MULCH

There is still some mulch available if any parishioners would like to take some for their own gardens. Please phone the office 9567 1558 and let us know when you will come to collect it. You must bring your own bags or containers and we cannot offer any assistance to you. Please bear in mind that the mulch is a bit damp.

TODDLERS LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S

A few parents would like to have a liturgy group for pre-schoolers at St Joseph's on Sunday mornings from 10.00 to 10.30am before the 10.30 Mass. If you would like to join this group, please speak with Fr Yacub.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Are you available to assist in this most important of tasks? Can you spare some of your time once a week during school terms for a 30-minute lesson? No qualifications are needed. Free training and resources are provided. You can even help with a friend. If you can assist or would like further information, please contact Fr Yacub our parish priest on 9567 1558 or Lee Kendrick our catechist coordinator on 0422 257 331 about Catholic Scripture in Public Schools. **Thank you to Elisha Cohen and Sharon Arada who have recently qualified as Catechists and are now assisting in our State Schools.** 😊

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are highly recommended in churches.**
- 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 and distance before joining the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

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.

LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Legion of Mary members, past and present, along with their families and friends are invited to attend the **Centenary Anniversary Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady **next Saturday 10 September**. This was due to be celebrated last year but postponed due to Covid.

10am - Opening Prayers

10:30am – Mass

12pm – Lunch

1pm – Program

2022 ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher **at 10:30am on Sunday, 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral**. All families welcome! For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8480 Please RSVP by the 12th of September at <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2022

Ignite Conference brings hundreds of young people from all around NSW to experience 4 days of awesome talks, worship, prayer and so much more. You can find more info via <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>. It will be a really great experience for the youth and will be held from **Thursday 29 September - Sunday 2 October** at Freeman College, Bonnyrigg.

\$100 Discount available for the first 100 young adults who register from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Go to: <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC22SYD> Ticket Name: CAS Young Adults - Ignite Adult Coupon Code to reveal ticket: CASYA. Cost at checkout: \$175 (\$100 invoiced to Archdiocese). To access your tickets, enter the appropriate code (CASYA) into the coupon code box at the top of the ticket options FIRST. This will reveal the ticket. Once you have clicked 'Order Now', complete the order details as usual.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Making better dads
- The conversion everyone is talking about
- WYD 2023: 12 months to go!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noelene Adams, Robert Paterson and Saed Ntanios.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Lizzo, Clare Lobban, Gilda Camara, Pierina Ruaro, Maria Puglisi, Dragica Zmoda, Mary MacKenzie Mitchell, Alfredo da Mota Lopes, Edilberto Dacullo, Perla Alsay, Doreen Talty and Grace, Elia, George, Les & Jean Spiteri.

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 WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Be eager in your desires but humbly patient in their accomplishment." 2.6.1867

