

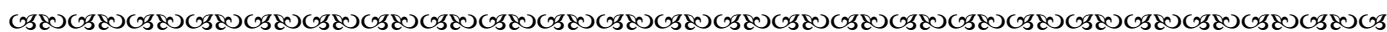
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 6 & 7 JULY 2024

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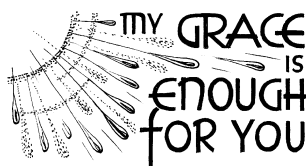
schools: **St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson
St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg
St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley: 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
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.		
1 st Reading: <i>Ezek 2:2-5</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>2 Cor 12:7-10</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 6:1-6</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. *R/*



Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy. *R/*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.

Indeed, all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

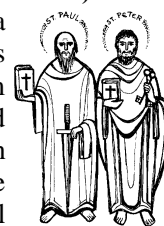
BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Alexis Cao & Oliver Lai at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

This weekend, 6 & 7 July, there will be a third collection at all the Masses for this annual appeal. All the monies collected from across the Archdiocese will be forwarded directly to the Holy See via the Archdiocesan Chancery. The monies will enable Pope Francis to support his charitable and pastoral ministries throughout the world.



HEALING MASS

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass after Rosary and exposition of the Holy Eucharist at St Joseph's, Rockdale from 5.30pm on **Tuesday, 16th July**. Fr. Justin has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intervention of Our Lady of Guadalupe and emphasises the love of Jesus and Mary for all. We urge you to bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.

FR NORVIN ON LEAVE

Fr Norvin will be on leave until 10th August to allow him to return home for the anniversary of his mother's passing. We wish him well in his travels. While Fr Norvin is on leave, Fr Geoff Plant will be assisting with the celebration of Masses at St Gabriel's. Please make Fr Geoff welcome.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

A Funeral Mass for the late Jessie Balk, will be held this coming **Thursday, 11th July** at 11.00am in St Gabriel's Church. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time.

READ IT, PRAY IT, SHARE IT!

Our Parish Scripture teachers require classroom helpers to share the Catholic faith to over 180 students attending our local public schools located in Arncliffe, Bexley and Rockdale. A commitment of an hour per week (during school terms) is required either on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. A Working with Children Check is required, and mandatory training will be provided in Child Protection, Safeguarding Children, and Using the Authorised Curriculum.

Are you able to support our catechists in this rewarding and wonderful ministry of sharing the Good News? If you would like more information, please contact: Laura Argiro 0433 444 469 or Maree Ross 0428 103 758. Information about scripture in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

CATECHIST MEETING

All catechists are reminded of the Term 3 Meeting which will be held on **Thursday 18 July**, from 3.30pm, at St Gabriel's Parish Hall. Anyone interested in finding more about teaching scripture in a Public School, please come along to meet the team.

INVITATION TO JOIN WITH PARISHIONERS

All are invited to join with other parishioners **next Saturday, 13th July** at the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Penrose Park, Berrima. Cost \$60. For more information please contact: Zenny – 0403 165 459 or Ellie – 0431 971 957

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Three more men answer the call to priesthood
- New stats show NSW the euthanasia capital of Australia
- St Joseph's Moorebank thanks God for truck crash 'miracle'
- Archbishop Fisher delivers Rabbi Apple interfaith lecture
- St Aloysius' Cronulla: 100 years of making saints
- Dempsey medal 2024 and handover of precious family relics

MAX2024 FOR CATHOLIC MEN

MAX2024 for Catholic Men is on July 19-21 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. This is a great opportunity for Catholic men of all ages (18+) to gather and grow in faith and brotherhood. Limited capacity, so register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2024SYD> You'll never walk alone!

"WILDFIRE" HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT

Feel the Holy Spirit's transformative power igniting a wildfire within. Immerse yourself in a retreat that deepens your connection with God and unleashes Love's fiery passion. To be held 23 - 25 August at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW. For more information, please email us at mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com or Kathryn at 0478472056. For bookings, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNSWT>

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.

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.

SUPPORT NEEDED BY CARITAS

Your urgent support is needed now for Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster. Hundreds of people have been displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Log on to the website to donate at www.caritas.org.au/png

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.

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: Jessie Balk, Stephen O'Sullivan and Giacomo Carnovale.

ANNIVERSARIES: Leena Dias, Paul Chappell, Maria Vali, Serenella Zanolli, John Vella, Carmen Abela, Cesarina Tardelli, Beulah Brusutti, Stephen Secheney, Angiolina De Chiara, Barbara Kell, Elisabetta De Giovanni, Catherine Asplet, Paul Girardi, Noreen Clifford, Annette Gallagher, Grazia Bonanno, Joseph & Cecilia Teo, Carmen & Tony Grech, Mary & Charles Caruana, Louis & Ann Zammit and Mario Mercia.

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 MACKILLOPS QUOTE

"May God bless you and keep you strong." 28.9.1875

