



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)



PALM SUNDAY - YEAR B - 23 & 24 MARCH 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>)	9.00am
Sunday Masses		10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	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>Is 50:4-7</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 2:6-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 14:1 – 15:47</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' *R/*



Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. *R/*

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! *R/*

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

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PALM SUNDAY WITH CARITAS

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE
RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES**

Second Rite (Communal celebration)

Tuesday, 26th March at Rockdale - 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

Italian Confessions before and after Italian Stations of the Cross this **Wednesday 27th March** 3.30 – 4.15pm

Please note: Once the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except in an emergency situation.

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March

7.00pm Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley
(St Joseph's Church will be open after the Mass till Midnight for prayer and adoration)

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

Stations of the Cross
10.00am Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe
6.30pm Rockdale

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

9.00am Mass Arncliffe 9.00am Mass Bexley
9.00am Mass Rockdale (Italian)
10.30am Mass Rockdale
5.00pm Mass Bexley

FAMILY MASS AT ST JOSEPHS

This Sunday, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a Family Mass with St Joseph's Primary School families attending.

FUNERALS

* A Requiem Mass will be held in St Francis Xavier's Church this **Monday, 25th March** at 10.30am for the late Pasquale Guerrieri.

* A Requiem Mass will be held in St Francis Xavier's Church this **Wednesday, 27th March** at 1.30pm for the late William Taylor.

Please keep their families in your prayers at this sad time.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm this coming **Thursday 28th March**, re-opening on **Tuesday 2nd April** at 9am. **The office will also be closed on ANZAC Day, Thursday, 25th April.**

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As is the custom around the world, there will be a collection on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross as well as at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. The monies collected are forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat to assist with the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Christ's Life, Passion and Death in the Holy Land. You do not need to give twice if you attend both ceremonies. Many thanks for your financial support.

DIVINE MERCY MASS

Sunday, 7th April, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy. This will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Rockdale with an observance of the Holy Hour, Benediction and Reconciliation at 2pm, followed by Mass at 3:15pm. Come and celebrate with us!

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.

MARIST COLLEGE KOGARAH

Parents, please note that the closing date for enrolling your sons at Marist College Kogarah for **Year 7 2026** is this coming **Friday, 5 April.**

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Disciple Diaries: Mullet champion returns to Christ
- Biggest-ever women's retreat
- Papal awards for public service
- Conversion therapy bill 'sincere' but flawed
- St Patrick's Day shows enduring power of Irish heritage
- Professor Bernard Doherty: How did the "Little Pebble" lead so many astray?

RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

Archbishop Fisher has encouraged the faithful to sign a petition calling for a restoration of funding for palliative care. There has been \$250 million cut from the palliative care budget in NSW, which will have a significant impact on the care people in our state will receive at the end of life. Given that euthanasia is now legal in NSW, it is even more important that we ensure there are life-affirming options available to those who need it most. Scan the code here to sign petition which closes on **Wednesday 3 April 2024.**

SIGN THE PETITION



COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still all around us and masks are recommended in churches.
- 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: William Taylor, Clementina Zanardo, Pasquale Guerrieri and Paul Chappell.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Borg, Diego Festa, Patrick Prior, Francesco Savo, Grace Di Matteo, Giovanni Santoro, and Tamara Jordanoski.

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 COACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"No matter how many or how great be your shortcomings, you shall certainly succeed in the end."

16.2.1874

