



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 A - 27 & 28 MAY 2023

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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

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>Acts 2:1-11</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 20:19-23</i>			

RESPONSORIAL 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!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. *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!

FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass for the late Concetta Ara will be held at St Francis Xavier's this coming Tuesday, 6 June at 10.00am. Please keep her family in your prayers.

FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPH'S

Please welcome the families from St Joseph's Primary and the local public schools at the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's this Sunday. A sausage sizzle will be held in the school grounds after Mass. All welcome. ☺

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parishes who are commencing their lessons in preparation to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in next month.



FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION REQUIRED TO HELP OUT

Did you complete the training at Rockdale last year? We urgently need your assistance to take Our Lord to Catholics in nursing homes in Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe. You will be very well supported in this vital parish ministry. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758.

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System for the coming New Financial Year, are asked to contact the Parish Office via email: admin@mmrc.org.au and give some details. There is a 30% Tax Deduction incentive available if you are a wage earner and lodge a Tax Return at the end of each financial year.

If there are any parishioners who currently donate through the envelopes but who may want to change to a 'non-tax category', they are asked to please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences. **All new enquiries are welcome.**

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!

St Gabriel's Playgroup warmly invites all parents / carers with children aged 0-5 to join us for our playgroup on Fridays 9.30-11.00am in the Bexley Parish Hall. The playgroup will run during the school terms throughout the year but not in school holidays. We look forward to seeing you there! For any enquiries, please contact Rebecca via email rebecca.forwood@syd.catholic.edu.au

CHORAL EVENSONG IN NEWTOWN

Experience the beauty of Choral Evensong, one of the newest forms of the Divine Office approved within the Roman Rite. **This Sunday 28 May** in St Joseph's Church 49 Bedford St, Newtown at 4pm. This event is held every 4th Sunday of the month. **All welcome.**

WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION

The annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament, "Walk with Christ", is a public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney. To be held **on Sunday, 11th June** beginning with a gathering of parishes and groups and entertainment in Martin Place from 1.00pm. The procession to the Cathedral will commence at 2:30pm. The presence of the Eucharist in this joyful liturgical act invokes the benevolent spiritual blessings of Christ onto the city and all who live there. The blessing is derived from He who has been "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor ... to proclaim freedom for prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." It is in this way that the Walk with Christ is part of the spiritual and civic life of the city and Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our public support for our Catholic faith as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our city's streets.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly recommended in churches, as Covid is still very much in our local community.**
- **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.

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.

HOW THE PARISH USES YOUR DONATIONS – DID YOU KNOW?

First Collection

Supports all Priests in the Sydney Archdiocese

Easter, Christmas, wedding and baptism offerings are all added to the first collection. This is passed on to the Archdiocese.

Second Collection

Supports All Other Parish Expenses

Your donations through the planned giving envelopes, all cash placed on the plate, and the tap-and-go machines make up the second collection. This money is used in our parish to cover ALL parish expenses and to support pastoral activities. Expenses include administration, insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, and the repair and maintenance of all parish buildings.

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In addition, any shortfall in the yearly target set by the Archdiocese for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has to be covered by this collection. As our parishes do not meet the CWF target, funds are directed to the shortfall each year.

Special Collections

The Parish does not retain any money from these collections. These include Charitable Works Fund Appeals, Holy Father's Collection, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and Caritas/Project Compassion.

Thank You for your parish support

Your ongoing generosity and support of the parishes is gratefully acknowledged. Everyone's circumstances are different, therefore, please know that you are not expected to give any more than is reasonable.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Concetta Ara and Danielle Yepes.

ANNIVERSARIES: George Moore, Frank Biviano, Marie Harring, Margaret Lopes, Adua Badalassi, Franca Savo, Arthur Duignan, Clare Younie, Emma Conroy, Epifania Mercado, George & Hannah Raffoul.

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

"Let us all pray that the spirit of St Joseph will accompany his children, and that they may do much good for themselves and others." (1.4.1890)

