

# 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)

## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 13 & 14 AUGUST 2022

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**schools:** **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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> 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
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday ( <i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 5.30pm</i> ) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday ( <i>Benediction at 8.45am</i> )
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	10.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Jer 38:4-6, 8-10</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Heb 12:1-4</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 12:49-53</i>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 38:2-4,18

**Lord, come to my aid!**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. *R/*

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. *R/*

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. *R/*

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. *R/*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

**This Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August,** is the **Feast of the Assumption**. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this Feast Day.

Two Masses will be celebrated in our churches:  
**9.00am Bexley**    **10.00am Rockdale** (School Mass)

### BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Zenaida Marcelino at St Francis Xavier's and Sabrina Bansag at St Joseph's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



### RCIA COURSE TO COMMENCE SOON

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course will commence on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. If any parishioners have family or friends who have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 (9am – 1pm Monday to Friday) or email [admin@mmrc](mailto:admin@mmrc) and give their contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age. The course will be held in the Rockdale Presbytery at 13 Parker St, Rockdale from 7.30 – 8.30pm each Tuesday. The course is highly recommended for parish parents who may not be Catholic, to learn more about the Catholic faith.

### MRS MONICA MICALLEF'S RETIREMENT

To celebrate the 36 years of service Mrs Monica Micallef has given as Secretary at St Joseph's Primary School, there will be a special Mass on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August** at 9.00am followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. Anyone who had a connection to St Joseph's School in the past 36 years will be most welcome to attend. Please RSVP by email: [info@stjrockdale.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stjrockdale.catholic.edu.au) by **this coming Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August**.

### RCIA CERTIFICATION COURSE

If any parishioner would like to attend, an Archdiocesan Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Certification Course is being held later this month. Parishes are encouraged to seize this opportunity with both hands to build/establish RCIA within the community and thus provide spiritual renewal to every sphere of parish life. This is a fantastic opportunity for:

- ❖ RCIA Coordinators to receive further formation in the RCIA process and to form other prospective team members in the parish; and
- ❖ parishioners to receive an in-depth learning experience and start RCIA in their parish.

The course will cover the following aspects:

1. A deep dive into the four periods of RCIA;
2. Understanding the three major Rites of the RCIA liturgical journey;
3. The pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical formation that governs the entire process;
4. Resources to ensure a solid foundation and to stay organised and on track throughout the process.

The course begins on Tuesday, the 30th of August, and continues every other Tuesday for a total of six online sessions – 13 and 27 September, 11 and 25 October, and 8 November. Please register/share via this link: <https://forms.gle/q1ceKNW3UnZGNwGv9>.

### FREE TREE MULCH

Recently there were some trees trimmed on the parish property. Father kept the shredded mulch for his gardens but there is quite a lot left. If any parishioners would like to take some, please phone the office 9567 1558 and let us know when you will come to collect it. We are not keeping it on hold for anyone, first to come in gets the first load. You must bring your own bags or containers and we cannot offer any assistance to you. Please bear in mind that the mulch is still a bit damp from the rain.

### CATHOLIC LAY CHAPLAINS AT ST GEORGE HOSPITAL

Sister Maria Pineda and Gary Cartmer are Catholic Care Lay Chaplains at St George Public Hospital on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. They are there to provide emotional, spiritual and sacramental support to you or your family member. If you would like to contact them please call the Chaplains' Office on 9113 2189 and leave a message with the patient's name and they will provide ongoing support during their stay.

### PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct, Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm. Registrations close 14<sup>th</sup> August. Limited spaces available. \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney. International biblical scholar Dr Scott Hahn to Speak Live, online at the Parish Renewal Conference. Dr Hahn, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and other speakers will address Sydney's faithful at the upcoming Parish Renewal Conference. Join us as Dr Hahn, a convert from evangelical Christianity, explores the perennial call to be Evangelising Catholics in the midst of A Culture in Need of the Gospel. [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22)

### 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.

### DE LA SALLE COLLEGE ASHFIELD REUNION

An ex-students and staff reunion will be held on **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** commencing with Mass in the School Chapel at 6pm followed by a three-course dinner. Cost is \$80 per head and includes food and drinks. Seating is on tables of 10. Please RSVP to the College to book tickets on 9797 3200 by Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### RAISING FATHERS EVENINGS

Do you want to be a better DAD? Receive the life skills and experience the love. The message of these stories is the same: fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world changing. Done badly it is catastrophic. Dads, grandfathers and father figures all welcome to come and join us starting at 7.30pm at one of the locations below:

- ❖ Tuesday, August 23 – St Kevin's, Eastwood (Parish Hall): Daniel Ang (Free sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm)
- ❖ Wednesday, August 24 – All Saints, Liverpool (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
- ❖ Thursday, August 25 – St Peter Chanel, Berala (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady

Register now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBHLX>

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- ❖ Five more priests for the vineyard
- ❖ Scott Hahn. Don't lose heart. Get going!
- ❖ Seventy years married
- ❖ Women in the church

**The price is still only \$2.00.** Copies available in the churches.

### RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Covid has made a return to our local area!**
- Masks are highly recommended in **churches** with the latest version of the virus circulating.
- 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.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Terence McBride.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Soon Hoe Boey, Bartola Mandile, Michelle Szendroi, Baby Toby Szendroi, Alexis Blades, Concetta Figliano, Elmer Grskovic, Maria Moore, Joan Morgan and Anne Nguyen.

**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

"Now once more let me entreat you to lovingly help one another on. Forgive and forget anything painful in the past. Begin once more in real earnestness". 9.8.1881

