

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)

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 12 & 13 NOVEMBER 2022

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 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: <i>Mal 3:19-20</i> ; 2nd Reading: <i>2 Thess 3:7-12</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 21:5-19</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the king, the Lord. *R/*

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. *R/*

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice and peoples with fairness. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Everett Su at St Gabriel's, and Kaila Kennedy-Medina at St Joseph's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



FAMILY MASS AT ST GABRIEL'S

This Sunday at St Gabriel's the students and staff are joining the parishioners for a family Mass. Please make them welcome.

FUNERAL FOR FATHER PETER MAHER

The Requiem Mass for the late Fr Peter Maher will be held **this coming Thursday, 17th November** at 11am in St Thomas More's Church at Brighton-le-Sands. Please keep Father Peter's family in your prayers.

PARISH ADVENT PROGRAM

Father Norvin will be presenting an Advent Program every Wednesday during Advent at 6pm in St Joseph's Hall, from **Wednesday 23rd November to Wednesday, 14th December**. If you would like to join the group, please contact the parish office via email admin@mmrc.org.au or phone 9567 1558. **All parishioners welcome!**

CWF APPEAL

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal held last weekend.

Your ongoing financial support of the Archdiocese's initiatives is very much appreciated. Donations are still being accepted and may be placed in a CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Envelopes may be found in the Church foyers or on the Offertory Tables. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November, they are only available during the other months of the year.**

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

A parish pilgrimage is being planned for 27 April to 9 May 2023. Fr Yacub will be leading this and would love to have some of our parishioners join him on the journey. They will be travelling to Rome and the Holy Land. Cost is from \$3,830.00 per person/twin share **excluding flights**. A speaker from the Archdiocese will be attending most of our Masses on **26 and 27 November** to invite parishioners to join the group. Brochures are available in each of the churches for you to take home and think about joining the group. There is an 'Expression of Interest' form on the back so you can find out more details. **All parishioners welcome!**

RCIA SPONSORS REQUESTED

Two of our RCIA candidates, one from St Francis Xavier's Arncliffe and one from St Joseph's Rockdale require female sponsors to assist them through the program. If you would be willing to accompany this person on their journey to becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office on 9567 1588.

The commitment would mean attending a lesson with the candidate and RCIA team each Tuesday night for a few months in the Presbytery at Rockdale.

MASS AND HEALING LITURGY

Next Sunday the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be concelebrated by Fr Yacub and Fr Justin Torres. Fr Justin is a priest of the Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He is visiting Australia from The Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. Following the Mass there will be an anointing for those who wish to partake in this gift of Healing. We all have a need of some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual. All welcome.

ORDER OF THE MASS CARDS

Due to the Covid outbreak, the Parish has retired the old and well-worn Order of the Mass cards. In future, rather than having general use cards, new Mass cards which are A4 in size and are laminated and will be available for purchase from the Piety Stall for \$2.00 each. Parishioners will then be able to have their own personal Mass card to bring when they attend Mass.

CALVARY HOSPITAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Christmas season can be a difficult time for grieving family and friends. You are invited to Calvary's Remembrance Service to honour and remember those we have love and lost, especially over the past two years. This will be held on **Tuesday, November 29th** at 7pm in St Thomas More Church, 298 Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a photo. Light supper will follow the service. Please RSVP to Mary Ashton on 9553-3158.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2023 Calendars are available for \$10.00 in our Piety Stalls

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.

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.

PUBLIC ROSARY IN HURSTVILLE

An invitation is given to our parishioners from St Michael's Hurstville Parish to join them in reciting the Rosary at Hurstville Plaza, 296 Forest Rd, Hurstville. This is opposite Club Central Hurstville and across from the train station. There is parking in Hurstville Westfield. They will be reciting the Rosary **this coming Sunday 13th November** and 11th December at **3.00pm**.

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Come along to St Mary's Cathedral forecourt from December 8 to 25 December and join the festivities. They will begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities and live entertainment for the children.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

** Blue, Yellow and Orange: NSW town offering hope to Ukrainian refugees

** Where students become teachers: Trinity Catholic College

** A milestone of faith: 40th anniversary for Chinese Catholic Chaplaincy

Available for \$2 after Mass today.

If you are missing the Catholic Weekly, you can organise your own personal subscription by phone 9390 5404 or email: steve.richards@catholicweekly.com.au

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still 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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Father Peter Maher.

ANNIVERSARIES: Virgilio Carrabs, Chiara Morici, Wendy Allen, Michael Giardullo, Maria Giardullo, Francis Xavier Ca Huu Nguyen, John Hickey, Kathleen Moberley, Fr Joseph Carroll CSsR and Milada Kochen.

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

"God is all goodness and love." 2.1.1880

