



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)



ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 28 & 29 MAY 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 – Acting 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>Acts 1:11</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 24:46-53</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 46:2-3,6-9

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. *R/*

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. *R/*

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!



PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Fr Yacub would like to invite all parishioners to come along for a sausage sizzle **next Sunday, 5th June** at 11.30am in the school grounds at St Joseph's. This is a social opportunity to get together as a parish community.

LAUNCH OF "THE CATHOLIC MASS" BOOKLET

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is delighted to present our new resource – 'The Catholic Mass' booklet. The companion guide helps capture the mysteries and beauty of the Mass. With explanations of each part of the Mass from Sacred Scripture, Church teachings and the Saints. We especially recommend this as an essential tool for parish RCIA programs, parents of children going through sacramental programs, catechists and students in public schools, and for ongoing formation of parishioners on our primary act of worship.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP launched the booklet, noting this new resource "unpacks the beauty of our Mass and assists active participation in the sacred liturgy." The Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Mr Daniel Ang, promotes use of the resource as an assistance to clergy in forming their people "so that the beauty and solemnity of the liturgy are better known, and the grace of the sacraments is received with greater faith and growing understanding."

Copies are available in each church for a minimum of \$3.00 donation.

ST GABRIEL'S FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY

Please welcome the students, parents and staff of St Gabriel's Primary School to the 9.00am Mass at this Sunday.



CONFIRMATION 2022

This weekend our Year 6 parish children will commence their instruction in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in late July in St Mary's Cathedral. Over the coming weeks, please keep these children in your prayers as they learn about the Holy Spirit in their lives and deepen their relationship with Christ.



WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION RETURNS

Gather together for Sydney's annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Walking with Christ ...the first public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney since 2019. This will be held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday, 19th June** beginning with a gathering of parishes and groups on the corner of Martin Place and Pitt St at 1.30pm, with the procession to the Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm. Please join us with your family and friends.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Fr Yacub has decided to reinstate the Catholic Weekly paper in our three churches from this weekend. Please be aware that it is NOT FREE. It is **\$2.00 per copy**.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you are new to the parish and want to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System in the coming financial year (2022/23) please contact the Parish Office. There is a 30% tax deduction incentive if you are a wage earner and if you lodge a tax return.

If you are currently donating through the envelopes but want to change to the 'non-tax category' please contact the Parish Office 9567 1558 or admin@mmrc.org.au as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

N.B. Parishioners who have Envelope numbers 1-99 (Rockdale or Bexley) and 200-299 (Arncliffe) already qualify to claim the tax deduction in their tax return.

N.B. The weekend of June 25 & 26 June will be the last weekend for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes.

ST GABRIEL'S BEXLEY PLAYGROUP

Looking for a fun local playgroup for your preschooler? Are you wanting to connect with others in a supportive environment? Please come along between 9am to 10.45am and try "Little Gabbies Playgroup." which will commence this coming **Friday 3 June** in St Gabriel's Parish Hall, at 18 Salisbury Ave, Bexley. Children aged 0 to preschool age are welcome. The Playgroup will run every Friday during school terms (except on St Gabriel's Staff Development days such as 10 June). Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer at all times. A gold coin donation is welcome for each session. For more information, please email Jane Lui: jane.lui@syd.catholic.edu.au

PENTECOST RETREAT

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite parishioners to their Pentecost Retreat "*Let The Fire Fall*" **next Saturday June 4**, from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Parker St, Rockdale. The Speakers are Marina George and Ron Maldigri. To book go to: www.trybooking.com/BYXKO

ST MARY WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Find happiness in making others happy. 21.11.1899



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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from **Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June**. On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with His Grace at St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass, after which families participate in the 'Festival of Families' beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children. More information and resources for this event are available at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with a new version of the virus in the community.
- 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 to join the queue before standing up.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you do not think you have Covid and just have a sore throat, headache or a simple cold.

ONLINE CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Sydney Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, Didaskō seeks to respond to Christ's Great Commission to "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev. Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland. Cost: \$25 per course. Bishop Umbers will present the first Didaskō course on Wednesdays **1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm – 8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism.". For more information, contact Helen Wagner at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org. Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Gwyther and Anita Bainbridge.

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry Hitchings, Imogen Hitchings, Sheila Larkin, Alice Nelson, Elizabeth Golding, Arthur Duignan, Franca Savo, Margaret Lopes, Clare Younie, Emma Conroy and Adua Badalassi.

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