

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)

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A - 10 & 11 JUNE 2023

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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	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Deut 8:2-3,14-16</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Cor 10:16-17</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 6:51-58</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps 147:12-15.19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. *R/*

He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his work to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. *R/*

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is currently conducting its annual Winter Appeal. During these colder months of the year, many struggle with homelessness, health issues or rising energy costs. **This weekend there will be third**

collection at all Masses to help those in need by contributing to the Appeal. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible, but please make sure ALL the details are written on the envelope, not just your name. Envelopes may be found on the pews this weekend.



FATHER YACUB'S BIRTHDAY DINNER

You are cordially invited to the 60th birthday celebration for Father Yacub on **Friday, 4th August**, at 6.30 pm. The event will be held in St Joseph's Hall, Rockdale.

To assist us with the event preparations, we kindly request that you provide your full name and indicate the number of people attending with you by completing the RSVP form **no later than Sunday, 9th July**. The RSVP Entry Pass slip will be available at the entrance of the church. Please tear off the designated portion of the entry pass only and bring it with you on the day of the event, as it will serve as your entry pass.

We regret to inform you that no entry will be permitted without a valid entry pass slip, as it is necessary for catering purposes. Please **DO NOT** contact the parish office to book your attendance.

Please, no gifts, but your generous contributions towards helping Pakistani children would be greatly appreciated.

Fr Yacub is looking forward to celebrating his special occasion with you. 😊

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parishes who will complete their lessons next Sunday, in preparation to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in a few weeks.



FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2023/24 Financial Year are now available from the church you have nominated.

N.B. The weekend of June 24 & 25 June will be the last weekend for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes. Any donations received after **Sunday 25th** will go into the next financial year.

If you an on-line giver, for the Planned Giving, you asked to make your last deposit for this financial year **by Friday, 23rd June** so that the payment is cleared through the banking system before the 30th June.

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 **next 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.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY

Parishioners from all ethnic communities are invited to join together in Mass to celebrate Multicultural Sunday, **next Sunday 18th June** in St Mary's Cathedral at 2.00pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long from Parramatta Diocese, together with Migrant Chaplains from Sydney Archdiocese and Parramatta Diocese. Any enquiries, please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org

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.

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.

Parish expenses include insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, the repair and maintenance of all buildings (churches, halls, presbyteries, convent and office), etc. Note that the parishes must operate within its own income and cannot draw money for expenses from any source other than parish income.

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.

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: Bill Mooney, Lutovio Fidow, Maria Kikic and Beryl Fernandez.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Powderly, Giuseppe Celin, Lora Sultana, Teresa Mazzeo, Maria Pizzale, Providenza Bonica and Natale Danieletto.

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

"Keep up your courage, we do not live here forever." (27.1.1877)

