

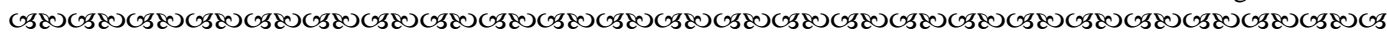
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

Looking after the Churches of St Gabriel's, Bexley, St Joseph's, Rockdale, and St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR B - 6 & 7 MARCH 2021

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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 Zeina Chalich

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 7.30pm First Friday each month	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>	10.30am 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. All weddings are governed by the <b>2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex 20:1-17; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25; Gospel: Jn 2:13-25</b>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,

it gives wisdom to the simple. *R/*

The precepts of the Lord are right,

they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,

it gives light to the eyes. *R/*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *R/*

They are more to be desired than gold,

than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey,

than honey from the comb. *R/*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Sophie & Thomas Dawes and Chloe Gerakiteys at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.



### FIRST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS

A special welcome is extended to the children and families, who are beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. At all the Masses this weekend, the children will be making their commitment to the First Reconciliation Programme. Please keep them in your prayers as they learn more about God's merciful love over the coming weeks.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in St Francis Xavier's and St Joseph's Churches, each Friday at 7.00pm.



### EXTRA FRIDAY MASS DURING LENT

Each Friday evening during Lent, there will be a 6.30pm Mass in St Joseph's Church followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. All welcome.

### ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"I beg that He will guard and comfort you all." 21.8.1867



### UPDATED RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance were eased further to allow **a two-square metre rule. Our three churches are still limited for numbers attending.** If there are too many people attending then those coming late may be asked to attend another Mass.
- Masks are no longer compulsory to attend Mass but are still recommended.
- Congregational singing is allowed only IF we use the 4 person per square metre rule. Our parishes will not have communal singing so we will continue with the 2 square metre rule to allow more people to attend Mass.
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- 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 go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even with a simple cold.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in a parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

### MEN'S MINISTRY NETWORK BREAKFAST

A Men's Breakfast meeting will be held in St Thomas More's Parish, Brighton-le-Sands on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00 to 11.45am with a cooked breakfast provided. The keynote topic is *St Joseph and the Masculine Genius*. Bishop Richard Umbers will also celebrate Mass. Please contact **Brighton Parish Office on 9567 3589** if you wish to attend. Cost is \$20.00 and numbers are limited to 50.

### JLOW RETREAT

The Jesus, Light of the World Prayer Group who meet in St Joseph's Hall each Saturday are holding a "Hybrid" Retreat on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March** from 9.30 – 4.30 in the Hall at Rockdale. The retreat will be conducted by Fr Matheus Wuwu MGL from Indonesia. The hall is limited to 50 people so if you cannot attend in person and would like to participate, a ZOOM link will be provided to attend online. Please book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMRZ> or phone Helen 0488 037 631 or Ida 0424 267 500.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

St Joseph's Primary School will be having an Open Afternoon for next year's enrolments on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March** from 3:30-5:00pm. You are asked to call the School Office on 9599 2541 to register to visit on the day. Please phone St Francis Xavier's on 9567 5389 and St Gabriel's Primary to enquire about 2022 enrolments.



### ANNUAL SYDNEY ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The annual St Patrick's Day Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**, in St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. All welcome.

### A PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES

*Please note: Once the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except in an emergency situation.*

#### **First Rite** (Individual) **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am – 8.45am Bexley;

4.00pm – 4.30pm Arncliffe;

5.30pm – 6.00pm Rockdale

#### **Second Rite** (Communal celebration)

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at Rockdale - 5.30pm** followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

#### **Italian Confessions**

**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March** for 30 minutes **before and after** the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

#### **HOLY THURSDAY** **1<sup>st</sup> April**

7.00pm Arncliffe 7.00pm Bexley

7.00pm Rockdale (St Joseph's Church will be open after Mass till 12midnight for prayer and adoration)

#### **GOOD FRIDAY** **2<sup>nd</sup> April**

##### **Stations of the Cross**

10.00am Bexley – Rockdale – Arncliffe

##### **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

3.00pm Bexley – Rockdale – Arncliffe

#### **HOLY SATURDAY** **3<sup>rd</sup> April**

5.00pm Bexley

5.00pm Arncliffe

6.30pm Rockdale

#### **EASTER SUNDAY** **4<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Mass Arncliffe

9.00am Mass Bexley

9.00am Mass Rockdale (Italian)

10.30am Mass Rockdale

11.30am Mass Rockdale

5.00pm Mass Bexley

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patricia Parkinson, Anastacia Tarongoy and Bishop Bede Heather.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patricia Thompson, William Halliday, Giovanni Bottos, Ricardo Damisel, Andres Rodrigues, Dianne Demosthenous, Rosa Zumbo, Joseph McManus, Brigid McCarthy, Carl, Justina, Wiliam & Paulina Kovac.

**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 rest in peace. Amen.**