



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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B - 10 & 11 APRIL 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
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 7.30pm First Friday each month	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	10.30am 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. The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.		
<i>1st Reading:</i> Acts 4:32-35; <i>2nd Reading:</i> 1 Jn 5:1-6; <i>Gospel:</i> Jn 20:19-31			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' *R/*

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. *R/*

The stone, which the builders rejected,
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!



PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Don't forget to fill in **ALL** the details on the slip if you wish to receive a tax deduction.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

This Sunday, 11th April, is the Second Sunday of Easter and is also the Feast of Divine Mercy. This will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church from 2:00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Prayers & Reconciliation followed at 3:00pm with Benediction & Mass.

HOME BLESSINGS

If you wish to have a priest visit to bless your home, please contact the Parish Office on 9567 1558 during office hours.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Imelda Halsona and Marleen Mendes at St Joseph's and Brighton Bodeker at St Francis Xavier's. Please also welcome their family and friends who will join them on this special occasion.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY

The Justice and Peace Office is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney which promotes, justice, peace ecology and development according to the social teaching of the Catholic Church. To better undertake our work, which includes supporting parish social justice groups to engage in charitable and social justice works, we would like to find out what issues are of most concern to the people in our parishes. If you could take a few minutes to fill out the survey at this link, we would appreciate it: <https://forms.gle/ButTM6mZMmpTkCoD9>. If you have any questions please email jpointo@sydneycatholic.org.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance have 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 now allowed**.
- 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 our 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.

POSITION VACANT

The Catholic Community of City South (Rosebery, Redfern and Waterloo) is looking to hire a full-time Administration Manager to assist the Parish Priest in his day-to-day administrative management. The successful applicant will be a self-starter, a good communicator at all levels of an organisation, well organised and able to demonstrate good financial acumen. For further details and a copy of the position description, please contact the parish office on 9353 6300 and email your application with a copy of your resume to pp@citysouthcatholic.org.au. Applications close **next Saturday, 17th April**.

INTERESTED IN BEING A FOSTER CARER?

Family Spirit (CatholicCare) needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 31st March at 6.30 – 7.30pm and Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 – 1.30pm. To book call Family Spirit 13 181 9 between 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday or connect@familyspirit.org

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit palms.org.au or call Palms on 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

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!*

PLANNING MARRIAGE?

The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love will be held on Saturday 14 August commencing at 10.00am and then on Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 2 September 2021. To Book Online - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF> For further information, please contact The Life, Marriage and Family team: steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org. or 9307 8480

CARMELITE RETREATS

The Carmelite Retreat Centre hold day, weekend and week-long retreats at Varroville, just 45 minutes by car from Sydney. Some of the retreats on offer in coming months are:

- **Saturday 1 May: *Are you the One Who is to Come?*** With Dr Robert Gascoigne. The challenge and the blessing of responding to Jesus as the Messiah.
- **21-23 May: *Call to Interior Prayer*** with Fr Paul Maunder, OCD. In these days we will explore the journey to God through interior prayer.
- **Saturday 5 June: *When difficulties in Prayer Arise***, presented by Fr Ferdinand de la Cruz, OCD.
- **25-27 June: *Lovestruck: Towards the Path*** with presenters, Carmelite Missionary Sisters. A weekend to explore and discover the PATH that is hidden in God's Heart for you. This is a special retreat for 18-45 year old participants.
- **A week-long retreat will be held on 5-11 July, *Living with the Beatitudes***, presented by Bishop David Walker. The Beatitudes are the Gospel foundations for Christian living today. This will be \$150/night/person.
- Weekend retreats are \$300/person and held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.
- Day retreats are \$30/person (BYO lunch). Held at the Parish Hall of Our Lad of Mt Carmel, Varroville.

If you are interested in any of the retreats, please contact them on 8795 3400 or email bookings@mtcarmel.com.au

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Morgan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Coleman, Sheelagh Mooney, Tess Dinan, Joe Nohra, Gregory Alderson, Stephen Mesar, Gordon Stride, Joyce McDonnell, Tara Blaxland-Walker,

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.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"God's will and glory and in these, the good of our Australian children, is alone what we seek." 4.5.1873

