

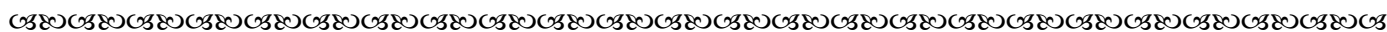
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 13 & 14 JULY 2024

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias



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Office Staff: Ms Fransiska Widjaja and Mrs Monica Chappell

Office hours: Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

Italian Chaplain: Fr Adriano Pittarello: 8068 1595

SCHOOLS:

St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

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	5.00pm
		6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	
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>Amos 7:12-15</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Eph 1:3-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 6:7-13</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.



I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R/*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *R/*

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

WELCOME TO FR GEOFF PLANT ☺

Please welcome Fr Geoff when you see him at St Gabriel's for over the next few weeks. Fr Geoff will assist Fr Yacub with Sunday morning Masses while Fr Norvin is at home in India until 10th August.

HEALING MASS THIS TUESDAY NIGHT

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass after Rosary and exposition of the Holy Eucharist **at St Joseph's, Rockdale from 5.30pm this Tuesday, 16th July**. Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm.

Fr. Justin has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intervention of Our Lady of Guadalupe and emphasises the love of Jesus and Mary for all. We urge you to bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

Many thanks, to those who gave last weekend to the Holy Father's Appeal. The donations will be passed via the Archdiocese Chancery account.

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Tax-deductible Receipts for the Financial Year 2023-2024 **are now available** for collection near the front door of each of our churches. Parishioners who do not require a tax-deductible receipt are also issued a statement of their donations to other charitable appeals for donations received by our parishes in the past financial year. If you have given to any of the special collections in the past year, e.g. Vinnies, CWF, Priest's Retirement Fund you will be issued with a parish receipt.

Parishioners who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System may contact the Parish Office on 9567 1558 or admin@mmrc.org.au. New enquiries are most welcome. ☺

READ IT, PRAY IT, SHARE IT!

Our Parish Scripture teachers require classroom helpers to share the Catholic faith to over 180 students attending our local public schools located in Arncliffe, Bexley and Rockdale. A commitment of an hour per week (during school terms) is required either on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. A Working with Children Check is required, and mandatory training will be provided in Child Protection, Safeguarding Children, and Using the Authorised Curriculum.

Are you able to support our catechists in this rewarding and wonderful ministry of sharing the Good News? If you would like more information, please contact: Laura Argiro 0433 444 469 or Maree Ross 0428 103 758. Information about scripture in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

CATECHIST MEETING

All catechists are reminded of the Term 3 Meeting which will be held this coming **Thursday 18 July**, from 3.30pm, at St Gabriel's Parish Hall. Anyone interested in finding more about teaching scripture in a Public School, please come along to meet the team.

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

In this cold weather, men and boys are reminded to remove caps and beanies **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.

CATHOLICCARE - FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Are you wanting to take back control of your finances? Has gambling on poker machines or sports betting been getting in the way of your life? Our Financial Counselling program may be for you, providing **free and confidential** support to adults impacted by gambling harm, be it yourself or a loved one. Our service helps those who are affected by all forms of gambling and provides support to impacted family members. Reach out to our team to access non-judgemental, impartial, and confidential support. to start your journey with us, call us on 13 18 19 or visit catholiccare.org/financialcounselling

MAX2024 FOR CATHOLIC MEN

MAX2024 for Catholic Men is on **next weekend, July 19-21** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. This is a great opportunity for Catholic men of all ages (18+) to gather and grow in faith and brotherhood. Limited capacity, so register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2024SYD> You'll never walk alone!

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.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Bernadette's Parish, Carlton, is needing a Parish Secretary to work at least 4 to 5 hours a week and who will be accountable to the Parish Administrator for the following responsibilities:

- Opening incoming mail & posting outgoing mail;
- Receptionist duties;
- Coordinate the Parish Diary, & maintenance & recording of Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals
- Maintenance & supervision of Parish internet connection.
- Others (to be discussed with prospective applicant).

Qualifications: Minimum of three years experience in a similar role; commitment to the mission & values of the Catholic Church; experience in dealing with people; with basic knowledge in computer; pleasing personality.

Please contact the Parish on 9587 4246 for more information.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Syrian Patriarch lays new foundation in Sydney
- Ask Dr Flader: Why Vigil Masses?
- Parish vs Parish in new Virtus Games Competition
- Indigenous Catholics keep fire of faith burning in NAIDOC week

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many parishioners, especially the elderly.
- 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ines Bergamo, Angela Gharami, Thi Cam Huong Nguyen, Catherine Baggott, Mario Mercia, Monica Littler, Christopher Lyons, Armando Scacciotti, Francesco Dalle-Nogare, Donald Turnbull, Mario Sancandi, Grazia Ferrara, Tony & Yasmine Bazouni

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 MACKILLOPS QUOTE

"There where you are, you will find God." (1871)

