

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)

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 22 & 23 OCTOBER 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 – 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.		
1st Reading: Sir 35:12-14, 16-19; 2nd Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Gospel: Lk 18:9-14			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33:2-3.17-19.23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/*



The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. *R/*

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



FR YACUB ON LEAVE

Fr Yacub will be on leave until the end of the month.
Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** until Monday, 31st October in St Joseph's Church, including weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

A parish pilgrimage is being planned for 27 April to 9 May 2023. Fr Yacub will be leading this and would love to have some of our parishioners join him on the journey. They will be travelling to Rome and the Holy Land. Cost is from \$3,830.00 per person/twin share **excluding flights**. Brochures are available in each of the churches for you to take home and think about joining the group. There is an 'Expression of Interest' form on the back so you can find out more details. **All parishioners welcome!**

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Envelopes may be found in the Church foyers or on the Offertory Tables. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. The Stipend for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November, they are only available during the other months of the year.**

ALL SAINTS DAY – ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

All Saints Day Masses Tuesday, 1st November

9.00am Arncliffe 10.00am Bexley 7.00pm Rockdale

All Souls Day Masses Wednesday, 2nd November

8.00am Marist Chapel 9.00am Arncliffe

9.00am Rockdale 10.00am Rockdale (Italian)

10.00am Bexley 7.00pm Rockdale

LIMITED STOCK OF SPECIAL VOTIVE CANDLES

The Parish has purchased a limited number of special votive candles. They are designed for use at home as a tribute to a loved one, or holy devotion. They are on sale now for \$35 in our Piety Stalls. They glow continuously for 300 days, and 2 x Alkaline size D Batteries are included with the purchase.

COMBINED SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined Marist College and St Joseph's Primary School Mass. There will be a sausage sizzle following the Mass in the school grounds.

SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE 2022

Conscientious Objection in Abortion and Euthanasia for Healthcare Students and Workers. **Saturday 5th November** from 1:30-5:30pm at Warrane College, UNSW (Corner of Anzac Parade and Barker St, Kensington). Speakers include NSW Upper House Leader, Damien Tudehope and Director of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics, Dr Bernadette Tobin. The conference will help provide guidance around how to navigate through the university and workplace for those with a conscientious objection.

PLenary COUNCIL INVITATION CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR SYDNEY PARISHES

Hear an update on the Second Assembly by Plenary Council facilitators and a reflection on the Synod of Bishops Continental Phase Document on **Saturday 19 November** from 10am-1:30pm at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney (entrance from 80 William Street) RSVP by 8 November: Sr Jo Brady RSJ at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SYDNEY STREET FEAST

On **Friday 18 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2022>

BELOVED WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

An initiative of the Catholic Women's Network, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, to be held on **Saturday November 5th** from 8:30am- 5:30pm at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Speakers include Sr Mary Julian Ekman (Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan), Fr Daniele Russo (Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney) and Heather Khym, co-host, Abiding Together podcast. Cost: \$75 All meals included. For more details and to register, visit: <https://www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/event/cwn-beloved-retreat/>

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.

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2023 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Catholic life in 1821
- Foundation Day
- Building begins
- The time and world
- A vision in stone

Available for \$2 after Mass today.

If you are missing the Catholic Weekly, you can organise your own personal subscription by phone 9390 5404 or email steve.richards@catholicweekly.com.au or

SUPPORT FOR ARETE CENTRE'S FOUNDATIONS OF MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP PROGRA

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation has a limited number of partial subsidies available to the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program offered by the Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership in 2023.

If you are passionate about parish renewal, or already work or volunteer in ministry, or are interested in starting, this course is for you and open to all ages. This year-long program is unlike any other as it is designed specifically for the Australian context and offers a unique blend of theological knowledge, human development, spiritual formation, and practical skills needed for mission.

General applications to Areté close on 31 October 2022, Places are limited! Learn more at <https://aretecentre.org/> For more information about the subsidy contact tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly recommended in churches.**
- 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 and distance before joining the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Thurston, Anna Silvio, Thomas McDermott, Norma Greenwood, Clifford Parkes, Caterina Messina, Marco Da Silva, Marie Mohareb, Maria, Carmeno & Stefano Barbaro and Francesca Garufi.

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 MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Our courage should rise with difficulties and obstacles." 14.12.1890

