

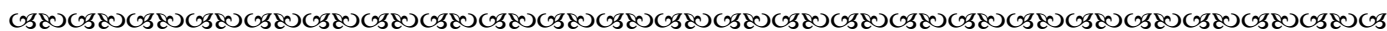
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 4 & 5 NOVEMBER 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.		
Reading: <i>Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1Thess 2:7-9,13</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 23:1-12</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps. 95:1.3-5.7-10

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. *R/*

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. *R/*

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!



FAMILY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

This Sunday, the 10.30am Mass will be a Family Mass for St Joseph's Primary School. All families are welcome today, especially any from our public schools.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are available in all our churches. The minimum offering is \$20.00. *All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls*, rather than for individual requests.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

The final Appeal for 2023 will be held across the Archdiocese **this weekend, 4th & 5th November.**

The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the Sydney Archdiocese: hospital, gaol and university chaplaincies, the Catholic deaf community, the aboriginal community, seminarians preparing for priesthood, CatholicCare and resources for catechists visiting state schools, to name just a few.



Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided. Many thanks for your ongoing support of this important work within the archdiocese.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO VISIT AGED CARE HOMES

If there are any current or past Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have some spare time, the Parish needs help taking Holy Communion to the residents of local aged care facilities. Two of our volunteers are resigning at the end of this year and we only have a few volunteers to cover the numbers of Catholics in local facilities. If you are willing to have flu and Covid vaccines and Police Checks, we would love to have your assistance. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

MASS AND HEALING LITURGY

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass at **St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale at 10.00a.m. on Thursday, 26th November.** The U V Graduates Choir will be singing at the Mass.

Fr. Justin is visiting Australia from The Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. Mass will be followed by anointing for those who wish to partake in this gift of Healing. We all have a need of some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Odin Bosco who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this special day.



CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Last term our three parish primary school students were invited by Father Yacub to produce a suitable picture about the real Christmas Spirit which would be then put on a Christmas card with the Mass times to share with parishioners next month.

The winner was Isabella L. (Year 3 at St Joseph's) Runners up were Jana A. (Year 2 at St Francis Xavier's) and Arya C. (Year 1 at St Gabriel's).

We thank the children who participated with their lovely artwork and the teachers who encouraged them.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Prayer Gatherings: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk and Fellowship in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Saturdays from 2:30pm – 5pm. Special guests:
18 November - Marina George
25 November - Nestor Aldana
Enquiries: Helen (0433 455 114), Ida (0424 267 500)

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

There are only a few 2024 Columban Calendars still available. If you still want one, they are in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

MEN'S BUSINESS

The St George Network of Family Educators invite you to "Men's Business" with Faith Friendship and Food! To be held at St Declan's School Hall, Penshurst St, Penshurst on **Wednesday, 15th November** at 6.30pm. The cost is \$10 which includes, guest speakers, a light meal, drinks and lucky door prizes. Register and pay via the QR code by 10th November.



THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Synod on Synodality: Muted reception on hot topics masks deeper shift
- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: What Synodality is, and what it isn't
- Sydneysider Fr Jason Rushton ordained for Austria
- Canadian euthanasia horror stats on eve of NSW scheme start
- George Weigel: All Souls, All Saints, and the Synod
- Review: Netflix documentary gives relics a balanced look

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

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.

SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2023 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

On **Friday, 17 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12 pm to 2 pm. 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/StreetFeast2023>

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DIRECTOR OF MUSIC FIRST ORGAN CONCERT

The new Director of Music, Daniel Justin, invites you to join him for his first Organ Concert on **Wednesday 15th November at 7pm.** Music will include Bach, Guilman, Ltry and Farrington! Free Admission with a Retiring Collection!

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. You can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or equiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still 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.

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: Fr Ken Sargent and Peter Cruickshank.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Kerrigan, David Mandile, Lorenzo Caruso, Reginald Huthnance, Barbara Vancea, Paul Martin, Mirko Nimac, Nedeljko Ozakovic, Maria Barbaro, Carmeno Barbaro, Stefano Barbaro, Lena Buck and Howard Lewis.

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 crosses are a little heavy, but God, our own good God, gives courage under them." 25.11.1871

