

# 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)

## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

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

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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
<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	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>	10.00am 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.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Amos 8:4-7</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Tim 2:1-8</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 16:1-13</i>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 112:1-2,4-8

**Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore! *R/*

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? *R/*

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dung heap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. *R/*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

**Alleluia!**



### BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

This weekend we welcome Hunter Falguera and Jack Keane who will be baptised at St Gabriel's on Sunday. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



### COMBINED SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

**This Sunday** the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined St Joseph's and Marist College Kogarah Mass for students and families. A Sausage Sizzle will follow the Mass in the school grounds. **Please note that the school grounds will be locked today to vehicles. Limited parking on the tennis court in Parker St.**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL INVITATION

**The St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting an open day next Sunday 25th September** after 10.30 Mass in the Parish Hall at St Joseph's. We would like to introduce ourselves and to hopefully build a Vinnies Conference within St Joseph's local area. Anyone who is interested in this ministry is invited to come and join us for morning tea so we can tell people what is involved in this venture. We look forward to seeing you on this day. *Thank you - Sue Vit, St George Regional President for St Vincent de Paul.*



### PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II

To mark the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral **next Saturday 24th September** at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

## ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited each evening from Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October in St Joseph's Church, including weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



## SCHOOL OF ROCK, THE MUSICAL

Parishioners are invited to come along and support local school students who are participating in School of Rock, The Musical to be held at Qudos Bank Arena on **11th and 12th October**. This is a Sydney Catholic Schools presentation, and the children are from schools across the Archdiocese, including some of our local children, both high school and primary school. This is a family show and tickets are available through Ticketek.

## RCIA COURSE COMMENCING SOON

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course will commence in September. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and / or being received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2023, please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 or email [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au). The course is open to all people over 16 years of age. It will be held in the St Joseph's Rockdale presbytery, 13 Parker St, Rockdale from 7.30 – 8.30pm every Tuesday. **People MUST live in our parish boundaries of Rockdale, Arncliffe or Bexley.**

## CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

Do you enjoy the beautiful Australian bush and all that is unique about our native habitat? The Catholic Bushwalking Club has over 400 members but is always looking for new people to join them in their outdoor activities that they offer every weekend in and around Sydney. They continue to seek new members, in particular younger members to join them. Membership offers a choice of graded walks, abseiling, canyoning and camping for a variety of fitness levels, as well as a variety of social activities. The Club generally holds at least 1 walk each weekend and often holds walks midweek. Walks of varying grades are held, ranging from easy on-track walks through to challenging adventures in untracked country. The benefits of bushwalking to physical, emotional and mental wellbeing are undisputed. To join, visit their website: [www.cbncsw.org.au](http://www.cbncsw.org.au) or phone: 0478 919 427.

## PADRE PIO NOVENA

Parishioners are invited to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in Glenmore Park Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

### Three Day Triduum:

Thursday 22 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Friday 23 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Saturday 24 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 5.30pm.

### Feast Day Mass:

Sunday 25 September: Feast Day of St Padre Pio, 10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Feast Day Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities.

For any enquiries, please contact the Glenmore Park office on 4789 2232.

## 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.

## MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY MULTICULTURAL MASS

The Archdiocese celebrates Migrant and Refugee Sunday with a Mass at 2pm, St Mary's Cathedral **next Sunday 25th September**. Please come along and dress in your traditional cultural attire. There will be representatives from all corners of the world as we celebrate the cultural diversity of our Church in Sydney. For more information contact Kylie: [immigration@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:immigration@sydneycatholic.org)

## ABORIGINAL CATHOLICS AND RECONCILIATION

Presented by the Justice and Peace Office, Archdiocese of Sydney, an Address will be given by 2021 Senior Australian of the Year, artist and educator Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann on **Friday 7 October** from 5:30-7:30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral School Hall Dr Miriam is one of the people chosen to represent Australia at Queen Elizabeth's funeral this coming week. To register and obtain tickets at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-catholics-and-reconciliation-tickets-409446334007>

## WALKING WITH WISDOM

This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, **6-27 October 2022**, 10am-12.30pm. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series.

Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne),

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Life of Service and Faith- Vale Queen Elizabeth II
- A Christian King: Charles III
- Euthanasia: An Indigenous perspective

## RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are 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.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Queen Elizabeth II, Antonius Widjaja, Ann Boesen and Helen Jungfer.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Annette Dubois, Rino Bergamo, Marcelle Shalhoub, Rosario Reyes, Pedro Bautista, Avelino Alvarez, Danilo Castelo and Michael Maugeri.

**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 WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"How truly wonderful are God's ways and how little we understand them." 6.6.1874

