

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)

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 2 & 3 JULY 2022

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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 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: Is 66:10-14; 2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18; Gospel: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 65:1-7.16.20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' *R/*

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. *R/*

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy them be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. *R/*

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. *R/*



BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Isabella Gabriel at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES / TAX RECEIPTS

There are still a few packets of Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2022/23 Financial Year to be collected from the churches. Please collect as soon as possible.

The Taxation Receipts should be available from next weekend in the church you have requested. They will be in alphabetical order by family name.

We would really welcome our working parishioners joining the program and giving support to YOUR parish. In recent years our support has declined dramatically, and we do need more people to join up for financial stability.

If anyone has changed their address or phone number, please notify the office so we can adjust our records. This is particularly important if you have disconnected your old land line phone and have only a mobile phone. Any enquiries about the program are most welcome. ☺

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Though our crosses and sorrows are in a manner great, our own dear Lord's love is much greater." 23.12.1871



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!



LITURGY COURSES AVAILABLE IN OUR PARISH

Following consultation with the Archdiocese our parish is please to announce that Liturgy courses will be available in September for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes and Readers. These are also available in other parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

These courses are also available for people to attend from any other parish, but priority will be given to our own parishioners first, when they are held in our area.

I would very much request that anyone who is currently undertaking these roles attends these courses to gain the qualification via the Archdiocese, no matter how long you have been assisting in these areas in the parish.

Also, we would really love to have more Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes in our three churches. You may have noticed that the same people are doing these duties week after week. We have lost many volunteers over the past two years who have passed away, left the parish or no longer attend regular Mass. All three churches really do need some new people to step up and take some of these roles in our parishes.

A limited number of participants will be accepted for each course. This means that with regard to enrolment, priority will need to be given to parishioners from the parish where the course is taking place. So, we really need to know who would like to attend by **Friday, 15th July by emailing the parish office admin@mmrc.org.au**. Next year these courses we will continue to be offered but possibly in different parishes, so if it happens that we are not able to accommodate parishioners this year, there will be more opportunities next year. The Archdiocese plan to have a schedule for 2023 ready before the end of this year. You must attend both dates for each course.

Participants must have a copy or extract of their Baptism Certificate to attend and a Working with Children Check number. Anyone planning on attending the Acolyte course, must have already completed the course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is not a parish run course as they were some years ago but one that has been run by the Sydney Archdiocese.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays 7th September AND 14th September from **6pm – 9pm at St Joseph's Rockdale** (not SFX Arncliffe)

ACOLYTES

Saturdays 10th September AND 17th September from 9am – 12 noon at St Francis Xavier, Arncliffe

READERS

Saturdays 29th October AND 5th November from 9am – 12 noon at St Francis Xavier, Arncliffe

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with a newer version of the virus in the community.
- 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 to join the queue before standing up.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.

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 HOSTS SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

The Assembly will take place from this Sunday, July 3 to Friday, July 9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Mass-goers at St Mary's Cathedral are advised that Mass times will be changed from Monday 4 to Saturday 9 July due to the Plenary Assembly.

Prayer in support of Plenary Council members

God of all blessings, you revealed in St Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of race or creed. May we learn from her to overcome the obstacles of prejudice and fear. Help us to value the goodness of each person and all the blessings of unity in diversity. We ask this through the depth and unity of you, our bountiful God, who hold all things in being. Amen.

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022

Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation. To be held in the St Mary's Cathedral Precinct from Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm. \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Registration essential by Sunday 14 August www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org NB: The pricing of all tickets is based on substantial subsidies by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to make this as affordable as possible.

CLASSROOM MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers with an ability to teach Drama and Dance to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week. Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2023 All Classroom Music Teacher positions will be advertised from Monday, 25 July and for anyone interested you can receive further information by contacting the SCS' Recruitment team at hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Betty Jarvis, Lenore Harrigan and Umberlina Rodrigues.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Duggan, Maria Vali, John Vella, Mary Basha, Beulah Brusutti, Grazia Bonanno, Barbara Kell, Iris Moreno, Alfred Cutajar, Teresita Alvir, John, Catherine and Jacqueline MacPartlan, Cecilia and Joseph Teo, Carmen Abela, Tony and 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