



## FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR OUR CHILDREN

Please keep the children from our parish schools in your prayers as they receive God's mercy and love in the Sacrament of Penance during this coming week.



### FAMILY MASSES THIS WEEKEND

- This Saturday evening the children, families and staff at St Francis Xavier's Primary will attend the 5pm Vigil for a Family Mass. There will be refreshments after the Mass so please feel free to join them.
- This Sunday morning at the 9.00am Mass at St Gabriel's will have a Family Mass for the children, families and staff of their school. Refreshments will also follow the Mass.
- At all our special Family Masses we also welcome children and families from our local public schools. ☺

### FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPHS

**Next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, the 10.30am Mass at St Josephs will be a school Mass with students, families and staff from St Joseph's Primary and Marist College Kogarah attending. We also welcome students and families from our local public schools to join them.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES

#### **First Rite** (Individual) **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am – 8.45am Bexley;  
4.00pm – 4.30pm Arncliffe;  
5.30pm – 6.00pm Rockdale

#### **Second Rite** (Communal celebration)

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at Rockdale** - 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

*Please note: Once the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except in an emergency situation.*

#### **HOLY THURSDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> April

7.00pm Arncliffe – Bexley – Rockdale  
(St Joseph's Church will be open after the Mass till Midnight for prayer and adoration)

#### **GOOD FRIDAY** 3<sup>rd</sup> April

##### **Stations of the Cross**

10.00am Arncliffe – Bexley – Rockdale

##### **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

3.00pm Arncliffe – Bexley – Rockdale

#### **HOLY SATURDAY** 4<sup>th</sup> April

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe  
6.30pm Rockdale

#### **EASTER SUNDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Mass Arncliffe 9.00am Mass Bexley  
9.00am Mass Rockdale (Italian)  
10.30am Mass Rockdale

**N.B. Please note there will be NO 5.00pm Mass at Bexley today.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

 Stations of the Cross will be held on each Friday during Lent at 6.00pm in St Francis Xavier's Church and at 6.30pm in St Joseph's followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

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

### EUCHARIST28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed. By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others. Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost. Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ, Amen

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Women share hunger for Christ at Lenten retreats
- Catholic religious call for Middle East ceasefire
- Archbishop Fisher OP urges unity at annual Iftar dinner
- Sydney youth summit to form next generation of leaders
- Adelina's story: from the mosque to Catholic music ministry
- Synod report examines women's roles

### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April**, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy. This will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, Rockdale with an observance of the Holy Hour, Benediction and Reconciliation at 2pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Come and celebrate with us!

### MARIST COLLEGE KOGARAH – YEAR 7, 2028

Applications for Year 7, 2028 close **this coming Friday, 27 March**. If you have a son currently in Year 5, 2026 now is the time to apply to enrol. Please visit the College website - <https://mckogarah.sydney.catholic.edu.au> - or contact the Enrolment Officer at the College (9587 3211) if you have any questions.

### CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES - HOME CARE

CatholicCare Sydney offers a range of services to help you or a loved one remain happy and safe at home for longer. For more information, please call 13 18 19.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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](mailto: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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Safaly Stella Palmer, Patrick Prior, Andrew Satti, Nevill Abel, Jason Puac, William Burns, Clementina Zanardo, Francesco Savo, Giovanni Santoro and Tamara Jordanoski.

**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

"What can I say or desire but His glory and His will."  
18.3.1874

