



# 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)

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B - 20 & 21 APRIL 2024



**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

**Assistant Parish Priest** – Fr Norvin Dias



### PARISH OFFICE:

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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 Rachelle Dopson

**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>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> )	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		10.30am 6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	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.		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4:8-12; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2; Gospel: Jn 10:11-18</b>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 117:1, 8-9. 21-23, 26. 28-29

**The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner-stone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. *R/*



I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. *R/*

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. *R/*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me

**Alleluia!**

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed **this Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April** for ANZAC Day.



### BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Leo Falconi who will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this wonderful occasion.



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System for the coming New Financial Year, are asked to contact the Parish Office via email: [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) and give some details. **There is a 30% Tax Deduction incentive** available if you are a wage earner and lodge a Tax Return at the end of each financial year. This is a positive way of supporting our parishes. Please consider our appeal.

If there are any retired parishioners who currently donate through the envelopes but who may want to change to a 'non-tax receipt' category, they are asked to please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

**All new enquiries are welcome.**

## EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY

Our parish Liturgical Ministers are invited to join the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Eucharistic Retreat Day. **This will be held on Saturday, 11 May** at St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt. The doors open at 9.30am and the retreat will be held from 10.00am – 4.00pm.

All liturgical ministers from our parishes are invited, especially those whose contribution can sometimes be overlooked, e.g. Ushers, Greeters, Collectors, AV Operators, etc.

Naturally, other liturgical ministers, such as Readers, Acolytes, Cantors and Musicians, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. are also invited. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. **The cost is \$15.**

For more information email: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org) or book <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1162316>

## CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH OVERNIGHT PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN 18+

An overnight pilgrimage for men (18+ event) in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The Camino begins with 8.00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday April 26 at St Anthony of Padua, Austral and confession available from 7.00pm. The Camino will conclude with 6.00am Mass at St Joseph's, Moorebank on Saturday April 27 followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast and drinks. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break. This will be held **this coming Friday, 26 April from 7:30pm to Saturday 27 April** at 7:30am. Cost is \$20 per adult / Bus Ticket: \$12 one-way 7 pm sharp on Friday from Moorebank.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1197441>

## WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday May, 13<sup>th</sup>** honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For further enquiries please contact us on - 0403578994.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June** is the date for the annual Walk With Christ procession in the city. Please keep the date free and join our parish community. More information to come in the next few weeks.

## 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.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Father Norvin will be leading a Bible Study group in St Joseph's Hall each Wednesday evening from 6.30 – 7.30pm. If you have your own Catholic bible, please bring it with you. All parishioners are welcome to come along and join in with the group.

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

*Sydney's week of sorrow and fear ...*

- Assyrian cleric stabbed at altar in Wakeley
  - Bondi Junction attack leaves six dead
  - Archbishop Fisher: Do not be afraid to worship
- But life will prevail*
- Love, family and life at Day of the Unborn Child
  - Two new deacons for Sydney
  - Sisters of Life Tour

## SISTERS OF LIFE - SYDNEY TOUR 2024

The Sisters of Life are coming to Sydney this April! University Catholics invites you to come and meet the sisters at any of the many events they will be attending! For more information and to book, visit the website: <https://www.unicatholics.org.au/sisters-of-life-2024-sydney-tour>

## COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still all around us and masks are recommended in churches.
- 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:** Victor Romanov and Ric Douglas.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gayus Donoghue, Pasquale Mazzeo, Patricia Campanella, Giuseppina Tasselli, Vera Zihner, Giuseppe Gioia, Lynette Mason, Joe Nohra, Ramon Gavia and April Cheung-Baker.

**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

“The wear and tear of mind and body is bad enough, but when the spirit suffers....it is very hard. We can only hope that God will be more merciful than people.” 26.06.1899

