

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)

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 1 & 2 JULY 2023

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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
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.		
1 st Reading: 2Kg 4:8-11, 14-16 ; 2 nd Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 ; Gospel: Mt 10:37-42 .			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps 68:8-10.14.17.33-35
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *R/*



Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy everyday in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. *R/*

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our rules is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2023/24 Financial Year are now available from the church you have nominated.

N.B. Taxation receipts will be available soon.

FATHER YACUB'S BIRTHDAY DINNER
- CHANGE OF DATE!!

Father has changed the date for his birthday celebration to **SATURDAY, 5th August at 7.30pm** following the 6.30pm Mass at St Joseph's. If you have replied that you would attend on the Friday night and now cannot make it, please contact the parish office to cancel your booking.

To assist us with the event preparations, we kindly request that you provide your full name and indicate the number of people attending with you by completing the RSVP form **no later than NEXT Sunday, 9th July**. The RSVP Entry Pass slip will be available at the entrance of the church. Please tear off the designated portion of the entry pass only and bring it with you on the day of the event, as it will serve as your entry pass.

We regret to inform you that no entry will be permitted without a valid entry pass slip, as it is necessary for catering purposes. Please DO NOT contact the parish office to book your attendance.

Father has requested NO gifts, but if you are able, a generous contribution towards helping the Pakistani children would be greatly appreciated. Fr Yacub is looking forward to celebrating his special occasion with us all. ☺

PASSING OF FATHER NORVIN'S MOTHER

Please keep Father Norvin in your prayers as he mourns the passing of his mother, Leena Dias. Father has gone home to India for a few weeks to be with his family.

During his absence, Fr Geoff Plant will be assisting Father Yacub with the weekend Masses at St Gabriel's.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul was on Thursday. It has long been customary on the Sunday closest to this great Feast Day, to give people the opportunity to support the work of the Holy Father. Therefore, **this weekend, 1st & 2 July**, there will be a third collection at all the Masses. All the monies collected from across the Archdiocese will be forwarded directly to the Holy See via the Archdiocesan Chancery. The monies will enable Pope Francis to support his charitable and pastoral ministries throughout the world.

BAPTISMS

We welcome Henry Hardman, Marcus and Victor Cintra who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's this Sunday. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.

CONFIRMATION 2023

This information is for the parents of students currently in Years 5 and 6 or older and they have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The Parent Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 3rd August** at 7.00pm, St Joseph's Hall in Rockdale. If your son or daughter is to receive the Sacrament this year, it is expected that one of the parents or a carer attends this meeting. The preparation classes will be held on the four Sundays of August and the Confirmations will be held in September.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- The Chosen disciple: George Xanthis on his role as St John
- Wheeling with Christ: Teresa Trujillo's faith hits Sydney's streets
- Calvary Hospital 'steps away' from ACT palliative care hospice
- Cemeteries stand-off resolved
- Synod on Synodality working document released
- Monica Doumit: Winter is coming, thanks Alex Greenwich

PURPOSE CAMP 2023

Purpose Camp is for highschoolers in Years 9 to 12 [UNDER 18s ONLY] led by Sydney Catholic Youth in collaboration with Youth Ministry Coordinators from across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To be held from 9:30am, **Monday 10th July** - 1:00pm, **Wednesday 12th July**, at The Tops Conference Centre, 51 Bendena Gardens, Stanwell Tops.

For more information and to register, please go to:
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1046426>

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION REQUIRED TO HELP OUT

We still need assistance to take Our Lord to Catholics in nursing homes in Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe. You will be very well supported in this vital parish ministry. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: JOIN MARY MACKILLOP PLACE!

Mary MacKillop Place (MMP) holds a special place in Australia and for our Church. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, our mission is to create sacred oasis of welcome peace, pilgrimage, education, community engagement, personal and spiritual growth, and social action for all.

At its core is the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, where the tomb of St Mary MacKillop rests, together with the Museum that shares the inspiring story of her life.

Situated in North Sydney and conveniently accessible by public transport, MMP is currently in search of enthusiastic volunteers who will warmly welcome and assist visitors to the MMP Museum.

If you enjoy interacting with people and have some spare time, please get it touch! Whether it's for a couple of hours, a day or two a week, fortnightly or month, we would love to have you on board! Rest assured, all necessary training and support will be provided.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager, or send an email to annie.bond@mmp.org.au.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly 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: Leena Dias, Alice Farrell, Adelina Macinante and Bill Mooney.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Duggan, Crocifissa Casciola, Barbara Kell, Beulah Brusutti, John Vella, Mary Basha, Antonietta Colella, Iris Moreno, Grazia Bonanno, Carmen Abella, Basilisa Tiu Lim and Cecilia & Joseph Teo.

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

"We must take things quietly and just do what our Good God enables us, and no more." (1875)



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