

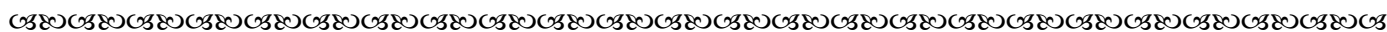
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(Looking after the Churches of St Gabriel's, Bexley, St Joseph's, Rockdale, and St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe)

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 20 & 21 JULY 2024

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias



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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
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: <i>Amos 7:12-15</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Eph 1:3-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 6:7-13</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22

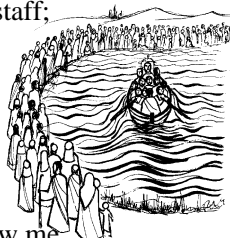
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
 Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
 Near restful waters he leads me,
 to revive my drooping spirit. *R/*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
 If I should walk in the valley of darkness
 no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
 with these you give me comfort. *R/*

You have prepared a banquet for me
 in the sight of my foes.
 My head you have anointed with oil;
 my cup is overflowing. *R/*



Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
 all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
 for ever and ever. *R/*

FATHER NORVIN ON LEAVE

Please make Fr Geoff Plant welcome while he is visiting at St Gabriel's each week to celebrate the 9am Mass while Fr Norvin is on leave.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Tax-deductible Receipts for the Financial Year 2023-2024 **are now available** for collection near the front door of each of our churches. Parishioners who do not require a tax-deductible receipt are also issued a statement of their donations to other charitable appeals for donations received by our parishes in the past financial year. If you have given to any of the special collections in the past year, e.g. Vinnies, CWF, Priest's Retirement Fund you will be issued with a parish receipt.

Parishioners who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System may contact the Parish Office on 9567 1558 or admin@mmrc.org.au. New enquiries are most welcome. ☺

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

In this cold weather, men and boys are reminded to remove caps and beanies **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
 I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

READ IT, PRAY IT, SHARE IT!

Our Parish Scripture teachers require classroom helpers to share the Catholic faith to over 180 students attending our local public schools located in Arncliffe, Bexley and Rockdale. A commitment of an hour per week (during school terms) is required either on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. A Working with Children Check is required, and mandatory training will be provided in Child Protection, Safeguarding Children, and Using the Authorised Curriculum.

Are you able to support our catechists in this rewarding and wonderful ministry of sharing the Good News? If you would like more information, please contact: Laura Argiro 0433 444 469 or Maree Ross 0428 103 758. Information about scripture in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

CATHOLICCARE - FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Are you wanting to take back control of your finances? Has gambling on poker machines or sports betting been getting in the way of your life? Our Financial Counselling program may be for you, providing **free and confidential** support to adults impacted by gambling harm, be it yourself or a loved one. Our service helps those who are affected by all forms of gambling and provides support to impacted family members. Reach out to our team to access non-judgemental, impartial, and confidential support. To start your journey with us, call us on 13 18 19 or visit catholiccare.org/financialcounselling

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Bernadette's Parish, Carlton, is needing a Parish Secretary to work at least 4 to 5 hours a week and who will be accountable to the Parish Administrator for the following responsibilities:

- Opening incoming mail & posting outgoing mail;
- Receptionist duties;
- Coordinate the Parish Diary, & maintenance & recording of Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals
- Maintenance & supervision of Parish internet connection.
- Others (to be discussed with prospective applicant).

Qualifications: Minimum of three years experience in a similar role; commitment to the mission & values of the Catholic Church; experience in dealing with people; with basic knowledge in computer; pleasing personality.

Please contact the Parish on 9587 4246 for more information.

RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR: 1 DAY PER WEEK

Palms Australia seeks a passionate and committed Recruitment Coordinator to join the friendly team at our office in Petersham.

The successful candidate will drive the implementation of strategies to recruit Palms participants for overseas mission and extend the legacy of Palms Australia built over six decades.

Strong interpersonal and organisational skills are required with ideally lived experience of an international placement to proclaim the benefits of mission. Initially one day per week, @ \$64,731 p.a. pro rata.



For the full Job Description, contact Palms on 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Thanks be to God for our priests
- Bishop Manning had a heart for 'battlers'
- AI could prompt 'reimagining of HSC
- Asia's whisper turns to a roar as evangelisation soars

YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

If you or a friend have been unable to or are struggling to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or stillbirth, please consider attending the "You Are Not Alone" retreat day held on the 19th October 2024 at the St Martha's Leichhardt. The day is facilitated by the Emmanuel Community with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team and will include Mass, talks, prayer, reflections, and time for couples. **Saturday, 19 October** at St Martha's, Leichhardt Registrations close on 15 October. Register and more information at www.trybooking.com/1183690.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that 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 equiries@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.

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many parishioners, especially the elderly.
- 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: Denise Annetts and Roger Henry.

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty Jarvis, Giuseppe Vetrivano, Jean D'Souza, Jane Breen, Marianna Ciralo, Norma Dunne, Carmel Shephard, Mario Costantino, David Williams and Maria Nguyen.

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

"May God help me to do what is right." March 1898

