



# 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)

## ASCENSION SUNDAY - YEAR B - 11 & 12 MAY 2024



**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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	5.00pm
		6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	
<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>Reading: Acts 1:1-11; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph 1:17-23 Gospel: Mk 16:15-20</b>			

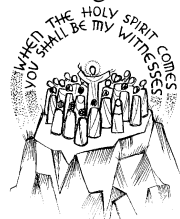
### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 46:2-3,6-9

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. *R/*

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. *R/*

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. *R/*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.  
**Alleluia!**



### HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

A very Happy Mother's Day is extended to all the mothers, grandmothers, guardians and mother-like figures (aunts, sisters and caring friends) of our parish. This day affords us all the opportunity to reflect and give thanks for those women who are mother-like to us. Let us each offer a prayer for these important women in our lives.



### CHURCH KEYS AUDIT NOTICE

As we commence a Church keys audit for Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe, we kindly ask for your assistance. If you currently hold any church key/s, please contact the Parish Office during office hours to arrange their return by the end of May. Furthermore, if you are aware of others in possession of church key/s, please notify us promptly.

It is important to note that the Church keys are Church property and are managed by the Parish Priest / Parish Office. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation during this audit process.

### ROSARY IN MAY

Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** until Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May in St Joseph's Church. **This coming Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** there will be a special Mass celebrated after the Rosary to for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.



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

## BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Joshua English who will be baptised at St Joseph's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this special occasion.



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (CWF)

**Many thanks** to those who were able to contribute to the Charitable Works' Fund Appeal held last weekend. Donations are still being received. Please place your offering in either of the collections using the special envelopes. If you would like to receive a tax deduction for your donation, please ensure all the details on the envelope are completed.



## GABBIES SEWING ANGELS ANNUAL RAFFLE

If you attend Mass at St Gabriel's over the next few weeks there will be tickets for sale for the annual fundraising raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. There will be four prizes of both quilted and crocheted, double and single sized quilts. We thank you for your continued support.

## FAMILY MASSES NEXT SUNDAY

- **Next Sunday, the 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's** will be a Family Mass for the students, families and staff of St Francis Xavier's Primary. Following the Mass, there will be a sausage sizzle in the school grounds.
- **Next Sunday, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's** will be a combined Family Mass for St Joseph's Primary School and Marist College, Kogarah. A sausage sizzle will follow this Mass in the school grounds.

## "WALK WITH CHRIST" EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Annual "Walk with Christ" Eucharistic Procession will be held on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on **Sunday, 2nd June**, 2.30 – 4.30pm, starting at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the city and finishing at the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral.

## 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 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 recently 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.** 😊

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Mother's Day special lift-out
- Procession season sweeps Sydney
- Activist hurls abuse at Archbishop
- Artist draws on his faith for inspiration
- Prayer with Mother Hilda Scott OSB
- Couples rediscover their marriage mojo

## 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.

## AN INVITATION FOR WOMEN OF THE PARISH

The St George Network of Family Educator's invites you to a

*Women's Health Night!*

Let us come together as women to celebrate our friendships and share our joy.

**WHEN - Wednesday 15th May, 6.30pm**

**WHERE - St Raphael's Catholic**

**Primary School,**

**82 George St, South Hurstville**

**COST - \$10 via QR code**

**RSVP - May 10th (over 18 event)**

Join us for guest speakers, finger food, a glass of bubbles and lucky door prizes!



## 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:** Bishop Peter Ingham and Max Gunner.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gladys Oakes and Danielle Ypres.

**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

"God's will be done." 10.2.1882

