

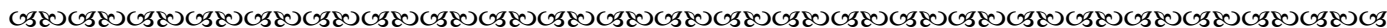
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 9 & 10 NOVEMBER 2024

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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	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (Italian) 10.30am	9.00am
Sunday Masses		12.00pm (First Sunday only Urdu) 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)	5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday (Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (Benediction at 8.45am)
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	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>1Kg 17:10-16</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Heb 9:24-28</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 12:38-44</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R/*

It is the Lord who give sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. *R/*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God from age to age. *R/*



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal held last weekend. Your ongoing financial support of the Archdiocese's initiatives is very much appreciated. Donations are still being accepted and may be placed in a CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.



FAMILY MASSES

- **Today** at the 9.00am Mass in St Francis Xavier's, please welcome the children and families who attend St Francis Xavier's Primary and the local public schools. A sausage sizzle will be held after Mass. All welcome.
- **Next Sunday, 10th November** the 9.00am Mass at St Gabriel's will be a Family Mass for children and families who attend St Gabriel's Primary and the local public schools.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

BAPTISM

This weekend at St Joseph's we welcome Leo Vozzo. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on his special day.



URGENT CHARITY REQUEST

Do you have any serviceable handbags you do not use any more? The handbags are filled with products used by women fleeing domestic violence. If you can help, please deliver any useable items to **St Gabriel's Church Hall ONLY, THIS Sunday, 10th November** between 10.00am and 11.00am. There is entry through the church driveway off Stoney Creek Rd, opposite Medway St OR the pedestrian walk-way beside 18 Salisbury Avenue, Bexley. Thank you for your help and consideration.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is a Diocesan Outreach Assistant and we will be attending most of the Masses this weekend in Arncliffe, Rockdale and Bexley to share a five-minute presentation after Holy Communion. ACN's purpose is simply to raise awareness about the persecuted Church and to spread the word about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. After Mass, pamphlets will be set up outside the church for people to browse and an exhibition on modern martyrs.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One of the Church's age-old customs is to pray for all deceased during the month of November. Naturally we remember our own loved ones, but as an act of charity we especially pray for those for whom there is no-one alive to remember them.

November Mass Envelopes are available in each of our Churches if you would like to have Mass offered for the Holy Souls. Please place your offering on one of the collection plates as soon as possible. Mass Stipend for November Mass is minimum of \$20. Please place your envelopes in the collection plates. All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls, rather than for individual requests.

SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2024 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Next Friday 15 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2024>

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

As we enter the summer season, we kindly remind everyone to dress modestly when attending church. Modesty helps create a respectful and reverent atmosphere that honours our shared space for worship. Please avoid clothing that is too short or revealing, such as low-cut tops, shorts, or skirts more suited for the gym or beach.

Additionally, we ask that men please remove their hats before entering the church. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to the Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia **next Sunday, 17th November**. Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion at 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and a labyrinth. General enquiries: Ann Lomas / atlomas@bigpond.com / 0437 340 250 Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house, please contact Fr Michael Kelly mkelly@silvestrini.org / 0455 329 607

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

- The saints come marching out on All Hallows Eve
- Priests who pump iron
- Fr Smith's journey from boardshorts to books
- Flader speaks on women deacons
- Reflections on the Synod

SYDNEY TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN 2028

At the recent 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, we heard the announcement that the Church of Sydney had been hoping for: that we will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, 100 years since Sydney last hosted this great event and twenty years since it hosted World Youth Day.

To find out more about IEC 2028, and join our mailing list to receive future updates, visit <http://iec2028.org>

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many of our parishioners, especially the elderly.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell, 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.

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.

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: Giorgio Colombini, Dorothy Molachino and Mosess Rozario.

ANNIVERSARIES: Saveria Todisco, Lorenzo Caruso, Medy Perez, Wendy Allen, Barbara Vancea John Hickey, Dr Mary Keating, Fr Frank Bendeich, Sakr & Chakty families and Joe Falzon.

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.

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

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE
"My God be praised for all things." 23.2.1870

