

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)

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 30 & 31 JULY 2022

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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: <i>Eccl 1:2,21-23</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Col 3:1-5,9-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 12:13-21</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89:3-6.12-14.17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say:
'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,
come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. *R/*

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. *R/*

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. *R/*

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. *R/*



CONFIRMATION 2022

This Sunday afternoon, 63 of our young parishioners will be Confirmed in St Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Fisher, Bishop Brady, Bishop Umbers and Bishop Meagher. This is a very special occasion for them to celebrate this Sacrament in the Cathedral. There will also be two other parishes from the St George Deanery joining them. Congratulations to all who were involved in making this day special for our children. Thank you to the Sacramental Co-ordinators, Catechists who taught the lessons, Parish Office Staff, Religious Education Co-ordinators, Family Educators and the teaching staff from our parish schools who combined to get this event organised as it was a huge logistical task. Thank you also to the parents who have also been very accommodating with the preparations. Congratulations to all our children!



CELEBRATE ST MARY MACKILLOP'S FEAST DAY

The Feast of St Mary MacKillop is 8th August and to celebrate this year there will be a lunch followed by entertainment in the hall at St Joseph's following the 10.30am Mass **next Sunday, 7th August**. Everyone is welcome to participate or help with the event. Please bring some money as there will be a raffle after lunch. Parking will not be available on this day in the school grounds but on the tennis court opposite.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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



DEMPSEY MEDAL RECIPIENTS 2022

Our sincere congratulations to the following parishioners from our twinned parishes who have been awarded 2022 Dempsey Medals by the Archbishop of Sydney. They are:

- ❖ **Mabel (Mabs) Pasfield – Rockdale**
- ❖ **Francesco (Frank) Speranza – Italian Catholic Community**
- ❖ **David and Maria Rooney - Arncliffe**
- ❖ **Christine Riley - Bexley**

Their medals will be presented by the Archbishop Anthony Fisher at St Mary's Cathedral during the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 14th August.

Thank you to all who helped with the nomination process.

MRS MONICA MICALLEF'S RETIREMENT

To celebrate the 36 years of service Mrs Monica Micallef has given as Secretary at St Joseph's Primary School, there will be a special Mass on **Thursday, 25th August** at 9.00am followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. Anyone who had a connection to St Joseph's School in the past 36 years will be most welcome to attend. Please RSVP by email: info@stjrockdale.catholic.edu.au by **Wednesday, 17th August**.

LITURGY COURSES AVAILABLE IN OUR PARISH

I request that anyone who is currently an Acolyte, Reader or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist attends these courses provided to gain the qualification via the Archdiocese; no matter how long you have been assisting in these areas in the parish.

We would really love to have more Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes in our three churches. You may have noticed that the same people are doing these duties week after week. We have lost many volunteers over the past two years who have passed away, left the parish or no longer attend regular Mass. All three churches really do need some new people to step up and take some of these roles.

We need to know asap who will attend by **emailing the parish office** - admin@mrc.org.au. Next year these courses we will continue to be offered but possibly in different parishes, so if it happens that we are not able to accommodate parishioners this year, there will be more opportunities next year. The Archdiocese plan to have a schedule for 2023 ready before the end of this year. You must attend both dates for each course.

Participants must have a copy or extract of their Baptism Certificate to attend and a Working with Children Check number. Anyone planning on attending the Acolyte course must have already completed the course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays 7th September AND 14th September from **6pm – 9pm at St Joseph's Rockdale**

ACOLYTES

Saturdays 10th September AND 17th September from 9am – 12 noon at **St Joseph's Rockdale**

READERS

Saturdays 29th October AND 5th November from 9am – 12 noon at **St Joseph's Rockdale**

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.

CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

This weekend, 30 & 31 July there will be a third collection after Holy Communion for the first of three appeals for this financial year for the Charitable Works' Fund. There are envelopes on the pews this weekend, so please use these if you wish to claim a tax deduction. You must fill in all the details. Each parish is given a quota to fund each appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If this quota is not met, then the shortfall comes from our own parish funds. The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the archdiocese and we ask you to please give generously.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Covid has made a return to our local area!**
- Masks are highly recommended in **churches** with the newer version of the virus circulating.
- When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable more distancing between others who are in the line. Please wait until there is space to join the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

FREE TREE MULCH

Recently there were some trees trimmed on the parish property. Father kept the shredded mulch for his gardens but there is quite a lot left. If any parishioners would like to take some, please phone the office 9567 1558 and let us know when you will come to collect it. We are not keeping it on hold for anyone, first to come in gets the first load. You must bring your own bags or containers and we cannot offer any assistance to you. Please bear in mind that the mulch is now wet from the recent rain.

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct, Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm. Limited spaces available \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney. International biblical scholar Dr Scott Hahn to Speak Live, Online at the Parish Renewal Conference. Dr Hahn, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and other speakers will address Sydney's faithful at the upcoming Parish Renewal Conference. Join us as Dr Hahn, a convert from evangelical Christianity, explores the perennial call to be Evangelising Catholics in the midst of A Culture in Need of the Gospel. Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Quirk, Carmela Simone, Albert Hitchings, Marie Bates, Wally Basha, Maria & Otto Kovac and David Williams.

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

"To lack courage shows want of confidence in God and weak faith". 26.12.1872

