



# 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

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B - 8 & 9 MAY 2021



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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 Zeina Chalich

**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> 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
<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 7.30pm First Friday each month	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>	10.30am 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>The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Gospel: Jn 15:9-17</b>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 97:1-4

**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. *R/*



The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. *R/*

All the ends of the earth  
have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *R/*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

### BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Sophie Botterill at St Joseph's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on their special occasion.



### HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

**Happy Mother's Day** to all the mothers and grandmothers in our parish. We extend our deep gratitude for the care and love you bring to our lives. In addition to these women, we thank the aunts, sisters and other women who are significant in our lives. We ask God to bless each and all of you this weekend especially.



### CONFIRMATION 2021

This information is for the parents of students currently in Years 6 or older and they have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The Parent Information Meeting will be held **this coming Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm**, St Joseph's Hall in Rockdale. If your son or daughter is to receive the Sacrament this year, it is imperative that one parent or a carer attends this meeting.

### BOOKING BAPTISMS

If families wish their child to be Baptised in our twinned parishes it is highly advisable to book well ahead of time. Currently due to restrictions we are only able to hold two Baptisms on the designated Sundays. At this point in time, we are booked for every weekend up to September in our three churches. If you have a child due later this year it would be a good idea to book early if you want a particular date this year. Please see the Baptism times and our Churches on the front page.

## FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for the late Joseph Lauricella will be celebrated this coming **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May** at 10.30am in St Gabriel's Church. Please keep his family in your prayers at this sad time.

## SYDNEY MALE CHOIR PRESENTS

**"WE RISE AGAIN!"**

Come along on **Sunday 30th May, at 2:00pm to St Joseph's Church Rockdale** to hear featuring songs from Musicals - Miss Saigon, Guys & Dolls, Les Miserables - and by Queen, Billy Joel, Paul Simon, Queen, and more!

All tickets: \$20.00 (school age children – FREE!)

Book online: [www.sydneymalechoir.com](http://www.sydneymalechoir.com) or pay on the day  
Proceeds from the concert will be donated to "Mary MacKillop Today" to assist with their work in Timor Leste, one of the world's newest and most disadvantaged nations.

**Help needed please!** If there are people from each of our 3 church communities, St Gabriel's, St Francis Xavier's and St Joseph's, who could help with distribution of publicity flyers and posters, or if anyone has a business, or know someone has a business, and would be happy to display a publicity poster, please contact Kevin Burg 0432 390 217.

## CENSUS 'HEAD COUNT' DURING MAY

As this is a Census year, during the month of May at all weekend Masses, we will be doing a head count of people who are attending Mass. Someone will be counting our numbers attending and we will report this back to the Archdiocese as per our instructions.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (CWF)

Thank you to those who gave to the CWF Appeal last weekend. Your donations were much appreciated.

## PRAYERS ANSWERED

Fr Brendan sends his thanks for the prayers following his back problems, he is much better and back at work. ☺

## CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office is going to be developing an activity book for children based on emojis/emotions. If you have talented and creative children between 5 and 12 years they are invited to enter a competition to have their work included in the book. There are a few copies in each of our churches for children. If there are no copies left please email the parish office (don't phone) and we can send you a copy of the information.

## LITANY TO ST JOSEPH

On the feast of St Joseph the Worker (1st May) the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments published an updated version of the Litany of St Joseph, approved by Pope Francis. The 112-year-old litany now includes invocations mainly taken from modern papal texts about St. Joseph, including Pope Francis' December Apostolic Letter proclaiming a Year of St Joseph and St John Paul II's 1989 Apostolic Exhortation, "Redemptoris Custos". The seven additions to the litany are: "Custos Redemptoris" (Guardian of the Redeemer); "Serve Christi" (Servant of Christ); "Minister salutis" (Minister of salvation); "Fulcimen in difficultatibus" (Support in difficulties); "Patrone exsulium" (Patron of exiles); "Patrone afflictorum" (Patron of the afflicted); and "Patrone pauperum" (Patron of the poor). There are a few copies in our churches but if you didn't get one, please email the Parish Office and we can email it back to you.

## A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary places her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance have eased further to allow a **two-square metre rule. Our three churches are still limited for numbers attending.**
- **Please DO NOT sit near people who are not from your family group. There are markers on the seats as to where you can sit.**
- Masks are no longer compulsory to attend Mass but are still recommended.
- **Congregational singing is now allowed but distancing must be observed but all singers.**
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **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 go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney 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](mailto: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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rose Doherty, Rafael Ripoll, Gayus Donoghue and Joseph Lauricella.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pamela Burns, Sr Joan Keating RSJ, Carmine Ara, John Hala, Gaetana Vaccaro, Maureen Cook, Albert Cahill, Daniel Mungovan, R A McWilliams and Kate Anne Donoghue.

**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 rest in peace. Amen.**

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"God is good." 8.1.1872

