

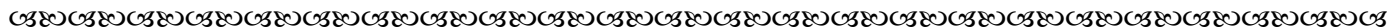
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 21 & 22 SEPTEMBER 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
WEEKEND MASSES	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am	9.00am
Sunday Masses		12.00pm (<i>First Sunday only Urdu</i>)	5.00pm
		6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	
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	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>Wis 2:12, 17-20</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>James 3:16-4:3</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 9:30-37</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 53:3-6.8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. *R/*



For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. *R/*

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held this coming **Tuesday, 24th September** at 10.00am in St Josephs Church for the late Roberto Catania. Please keep his family in your prayers at this sad time.

85 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT ST GABRIEL'S

This year St Gabriel's Primary School celebrates 85 years; established in 1939. A remarkable milestone! To mark this occasion the school will have a Mass in St Gabriel's Church **this coming Thursday 26th September at 9.30am**. Parishioners are most welcome to join us to celebrate.

Many parishioners may have connections with the school community reaching back to those early founding years. Some families may have memorabilia that documents some of the early history of our school.

If you would like to share any memorabilia with the school, such as photos, newsletters, student awards, newspaper articles, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office via email at info@stgbexley.catholic.edu.au

HEALING MASS

A 'Healing Mass' will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, 126 Liverpool Rd, Enfield on **Friday, 4th October** commencing at 7.00pm with The Rosary and Reconciliation between 7-8pm, 7.30pm Prayer and Praise and 8.00pm Mass. The celebrant will be Fr Yacub. There is off-street parking at the rear of the church, enter from Baker St. Enquiries: Rose 8068 3845 / 0412 115 961 or email rosetwymansydney@gmail.com



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course may commence soon if any parishioners have family or friends who have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Faith. Please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 (9am – 1pm Monday to Friday) or email admin@mmrc.org.au and give their contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED TO HELP OUT

More assistance is needed to take the Blessed Sacrament to Catholics in local nursing homes. We have been recently asked to assist at Fairmont Nursing Home in Dunmore St, Bexley. We have had a couple of dedicated Eucharistic Minister leave our parish or 'retire' and those who have been assisting, asked to give more of their time. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758 if you have an hour or two either each week or even once a fortnight.

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

ALIGHT WOMEN'S RETREAT

As the season of Advent approaches, join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for Alight, a special women's retreat. Rekindle the flame of your faith and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ through a day of reflection, prayer, and fellowship as we explore themes of hope, anticipation and joy. This retreat is being supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney. To be held on **Saturday, 2nd November** at St Christopher's Parish, Holsworthy. For more information, contact Berna at mglisisters.sydney@gmail.com Bookings (by 25 October): <http://www.trybooking.com/CNTCL>

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO 7 SIGNIFICANT CHURCH SITES IN SYDNEY

The Emmanuel Community invites families, parish groups, and individuals to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on **Saturday, October 12**. Walking from Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney, to the Eileen O'Connor Centre, Coogee, the pilgrimage is a time of prayer and fraternity. For more information, updates and to register interest, email ecsydneycomms@gmail.com or website: <https://forms.gle/QqF7Dsoi6LV5HQDL9>

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

Men and boys are reminded to remove caps, beanies and hoods, **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.

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

- Sydney wins bid to host 2028 International Eucharistic Congress
- Special Report: Pope Francis in Timor-Leste
- Monica Doumit on the Misinformation Bill
- Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay in Papua New Guinea
- The childcare where parents learn to play too
- Players to watch this NRL finals season

ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE BURSARY PROGRAM

St Aloysius' College is a Catholic, Jesuit school for boys founded in 1879 by the Society of Jesus. The College has a deliberate academic orientation and, in companionship with parents, offers a holistic formation for its students from Years 3 to 12.

The St Aloysius' College Bursary Program has been established to offer students an opportunity to avail themselves of a Jesuit education when ordinary enrolment is not affordable or sustainable. The bursaries are intended to assist those families who are most in need. St Aloysius' College seeks to graduate 'men for others' who are faithful and committed, integrating a deep spirituality with a passion for justice and academic excellence. Apply now for means-tested bursaries in Years 7, 2027 and beyond. Further information may be obtained from the College Website: www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au or by contacting the Registrar on 9936 5535 or email: registrar@staloyusius.nsw.edu.au

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 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: Brian Dwyer, Roberto Catania and Julie McDermott.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elvis Vaz, Michael O'Connell, John Farrell, Caterina Bonfa, Emma Trovato, Evelina Delloso, Claude Lucas, Eric and Joyce King.

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

"Another separation here, and the happy hope of an eternal meeting." 10.11.1898

