



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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B - 17 & 18 APRIL 2021



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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 7.30pm First Friday each month	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	10.30am 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. The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.		
1 st Reading: <i>Acts 3:13-15, 17-19</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Jn 2:1-5</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 24:35-48</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4:2.4.7.9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! *R/*

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. *R/*

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. *R/*

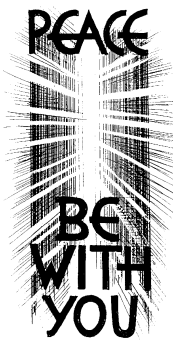
I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who organised and decorated St Joseph's Church for the Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations in our parish this year. Your efforts were very much appreciated by all who attended. 😊

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2021

Please keep the young children in our twinned parishes in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation during this coming week in each of our three churches. May they find forgiveness through their Reconciliation as they take this important step in their faith journey.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Don't forget to fill in **ALL** the details on the slip if you wish to receive a tax deduction.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SUNDAY 30TH MAY

The **Sydney Male Choir** will be presenting *“We Rise Again!”* an afternoon of music and song in St Joseph's Church, Rockdale. We invite all our parishioners to come and enjoy this event. It would be wonderful to have a big audience, so please invite your families and friends too. Proceeds from the concert will be donated to “Mary Mackillop Today” to assist in their work of supporting disadvantaged communities in East Timor. For more information go to www.sydneymalechoir.com. More information to come in future parish bulletins.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Jarvis Plaza and Maximus Theodorou at St Gabriel's. Please also welcome their families and friends who will join them on this special occasion.



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.**
- Masks are no longer compulsory to attend Mass but are still recommended.
- **Congregational singing is now allowed.**
- 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, even with a simple cold.
- 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.

CWF APPEAL

The last CWF Appeal for the 2020-2021 Financial Year will be held on the weekend of 1 & 2 May. Special envelopes will be available from next weekend to take home and return with your donation the following week.

GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Grateful thanks from Gabbies members to all the parishioners and friends who supported our Raffle and Mini Stall at St Gabriel's by purchasing tickets and making generous donations. The funds will assist us to continue our work making clothing for the needy. Since the restrictions for meetings have been eased, please note our group is now meeting on Thursdays from 9am to 3pm and you are welcome to visit us in the Bexley Parish Hall.

RETREAT DAY

Parishioners are invited to a retreat day to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph on **Saturday, 1st May** at St Raphael's Parish, 84 George St, South Hurstville. The day will commence at 8.45am with Mass at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm. The retreat will be presented by Fr Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R. Tea, coffee & soft drinks supplied. Please bring something to share for morning tea and BYO lunch. For further information, please contact Gary or Ronnie Cartmer on 0418 781 777.

EX-STUDENTS REUNION

Brigidine College Randwick will hold an ex-students reunion on **Sunday, May 2** at 1.30pm in the old hall near the Quadrangle at the College. Afternoon tea and lots of chat make this a great time to renew old friendships and bring back memories. Please pass this invitation to any former students you may know. To book (for catering purposes), please contact Dianne Mullin on 0499 325 823 or email to diannemullin@bigpond.com.

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.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

As Pope Francis has decreed that this is the Year of St Joseph from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021, we will recite the above prayer.

A COUPLE OF EVENTS SPECIALLY FOR MEN

- **Camino of St Joseph:** Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Worker in the Year of St Joseph! The Camino will commence with Mass celebrated by Bishop Umbers at **8 pm on Friday the 30th of April** at Holy Family, Menai. During our walk we will stop at several churches: St Patrick, Sutherland; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda; St Finbar, Sans Souci; and St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Will conclude with sunrise Mass and breakfast at Brighton-Le-Sands at **7am on the 1st of May**. To register, visit www.sydneycatholic.org/camino
- **Be A Man: Online Course in Masculine Theology:** Join author of *Esto Vir* (Latin for Be A Man) Fr Paul Chandler on Zoom as we journey deep into God's plan for masculinity. This is a very exciting free opportunity for men: Fr Paul has a PhD in Masculine Theology, and all you need to purchase is Fr Paul's book! Dates: 21 April; 5 May; 19 May; 26 May; 9 June (All Wednesdays) Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm Visit www.sydneycatholic.org/beaman to register. You will receive a Zoom link in your confirmation email. Cost: Free!
- All enquiries to chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org

INTERESTED IN BEING A FOSTER CARER?

Family Spirit (CatholicCare) needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 – 1.30pm. To book call Family Spirit 13 181 9 between 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday or connect@familyspirit.org

RECENTLY DECEASED: Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Fr Michael McCarthy, Rose McPartland and Tony Abreo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Michael, Gregory Doyle, Giuseppina Tasselli, Giuseppe Gioia, Vera Ziher, Valerie Ingram, Vicente Araullo, Jabbour & Jennifer Azizi, Margaret Burne and Julian & Agnesh Rozario.

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 so good – we ought to cling to Him with love and hope.” 28.4.1873

