

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)

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 6 & 7 AUGUST 2022

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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>Wis 18:6-9</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Heb 11:1-2, 8-19</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 12:32-48</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32:1.12.18-2022

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. *R/*

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *R/*

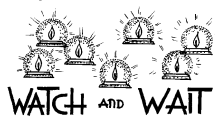
Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!



FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held in St Francis Xavier's this coming Wednesday, 10th August at 10.30am for the late Terry McBride. Terry and his wife Jude have been stalwarts of the Arncliffe Parish for many years. Please keep Jude and their family in your prayers at this very sad time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR YACUB

Fr Yacub celebrated his birthday during the past week and as his parish family we wish him many happy returns. ☺

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

During the week, Fr Norvin celebrated his Anniversary of Ordination. We are grateful to have him in our parish and send him good wishes from all our parishioners. ☺

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S FEAST DAY

This Sunday we celebrate as a parish, the Feast of St Mary MacKillop (8th August) Today, there will be a lunch followed by entertainment in the hall at St Joseph's following the 10.30am Mass **this 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.

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**.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

Monday, 15th August, is the **Feast of the Assumption**. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this Feast Day. Two Masses will be celebrated in our churches:
9.00am Bexley
10.00am Rockdale (School Mass)

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Hannah and Chloe Andrews and Eliza Ferre at St Francis Xavier's and Luca Mangraviti at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



RCIA COURSE TO COMMENCE SOON

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course will commence on Tuesday, 23rd August. 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 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.

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.

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**

CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

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 the special CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.



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.

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 still a bit damp from the rain.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Covid has made a return to our local area!**
- Masks are highly recommended in **churches** with the latest 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 and distance before joining 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.**

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct, Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm. Registrations close 14th August. 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. www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

We can end homelessness

- The photographer who paints life with light
- Time for the ABC to explain
- Australia's faith by the numbers

The price is still only \$2.00. Copies available in the churches.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terrence McBride.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Mandile, Maria Varacalli, Pietro Tesoriero, Paulo Taufa, Therese Worboys, Giuseppe Casagrande, Sr Clara Dal Santo, Julia Burns, Dorothy Molloy, John Samuel, Ross McIntosh, Giuseppina Suppa, Primo Russo, John Delfino, Maria Nguyen Thi Tuyet,

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

"Pray to be ever ready for God's will even when it takes you by surprise". 25.5.1880

