

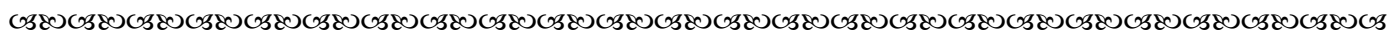
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR B - 1 & 2 JUNE 2024

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**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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Sunday Masses</b>	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	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>	10.00am 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>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex 24:3-8; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 9:11-15; Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26</b>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 115:12-13.15-18

**I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;

I will call on the Lord's name. *R/*

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. *R/*

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord

I will fulfil before all his people. *R/*



### ATTN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

### 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.

### “WALK WITH CHRIST”

#### EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

**This Sunday 2nd June** is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and all are invited to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession through the Sydney CBD.

This joyful public proclamation seeks to manifest the spiritual joy at the presence of the Saviour in the Eucharist (and His role as benevolent spiritual ruler). Like, for instance, the crowds who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem singing “Hosanna to the Son of David” and the wise virgins who accompanied the bridegroom at his arrival to the feast, so does the faithful of Sydney in their devotion accompany the Eucharistic Lord through its streets.

A festival will begin at 1:00pm in Martin Place. The procession commences at 2:30pm sharp from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street and proceeds to the Cathedral forecourt.

#### 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.

### NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2024/25 Financial Year **are now available** from the church you have nominated. **Please note** that some parishioners may have been issued with a new number this year. Please check your box.

**N.B. The weekend of June 29 & 30 will be the last weekend for this taxation year to put your donations in.** Any donations received via the collections after **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** will go into the next financial year.

**If you an on-line giver**, for the Planned Giving, you asked to make your last donation for this financial year **by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June** so that the payment is cleared through the banking system before the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### FEAST OF ST JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI

**This Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**, is the feast day of St John Baptist Scalabrini who was canonised by Pope Francis in 2022, proclaiming him "Father to the Migrants", not only for having founded two religious Congregations (male and female) to assist migrants, but also because he was the Bishop who encouraged the Holy See to institute a Vatican Congregation for the care of migrants of all nationalities to preserve their faith. The Scalabrinian Fathers have been celebrating the Italian Mass in St Joseph's Rockdale since 1967.

### CHURCH KEYS AUDIT NOTICE

If there are parishioners who have a church or gate key and have not contacted the parish office, you are asked to do so during office hours this week to arrange their return.

It is important to note that the Church keys are Church property and are managed by the Parish Priest / Parish Office. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation during this audit process.

### WORLD APOLOSTATE OF FATIMA

The Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to a "Night of Prayer & Reparation" taking place at St. St. Mel's Parish - 7 Evaline Street, Campsie on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, this coming Friday 7th June & Saturday 8th. Doors open at 8.30pm with Solemn Mass at 9pm Rosary at 10pm Re-dedication & Reparation to the Sacred Heart before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, followed with a short break. Rosary, 12.15am, Morning Mass with prayers for the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 12.30am. We look forward to you joining us as we intercede for World Peace.

### 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 [enquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:enquiries@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.

### ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Value your crosses as the most precious presents from a good and loving God." 26.2.1890



### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THOSE DONATING THROUGH THE PLANNED GIVING (ENVELOPES)

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June is the final weekend** for donations using Planned Giving. In the current box of envelopes, you have for this financial year is an envelope at the back of the box that we haven't seen before. This current financial year has 53 weeks for giving, not the usual 52. The printers have issued everyone with an extra envelope that is not printed in the usual format i.e. with a picture of your church/es on the front. Therefore, all the envelopes look the same for Rockdale/Arncliffe AND Bexley

This will create a huge issue for processing the envelopes in the parish computer because MMRC parish and Bexley Parish have common numbers issued to parishioners.

YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER..... (if applicable)	30 June DATE..... 2024.....
Please write your parish name here <b>MMRC or BEXLEY</b>	
<b><i>My Offering to my Church</i></b>	
There are 53 Sundays in this calendar year. This envelope is the 53rd Sunday in the series. Please use it as you would your usual Weekly envelopes.	

### There are two options that will help us.

1. Don't use THIS envelope. Put your usual weekly offering in your regular envelope the weekend before (just double the amount you usually give to cover the last week). This is the **preferred solution**. ☺
2. If you do choose to use this envelope, **PLEASE** put **YOUR** regular number on the front of your envelope and the name of your regular church/parish e.g. **MMRC or BEXLEY** in big letters so that the money counters put it with the correct parish when doing the counting that week. (See example below)

If you leave your number or parish name off the envelope for that week, it will not be receipted to you as we have no way of knowing who you are if you don't provide the above information.

### COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting parishioners.
- 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Carmelo Palumberi, Joe Borg, Sr Angela (Patricia Anne) Burke RSC. and Manuel D'Cruze.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jennifer Laifoo, Anne Duggan, Marie Harring, Michael Maugeri, Nunziatina Paratore, Bartolo Manfre, Angela Biviano, Clare Younie, Maria Terzita, Maria Laus and Isaac Bolanca.

**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.**