

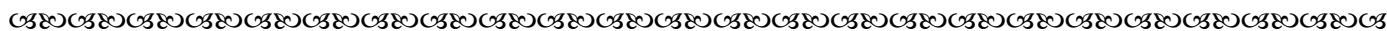
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(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 A - 12 & 13 AUGUST 2023

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias



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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	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (<i>Italian</i>)	9.00am
Sunday Masses		10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	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>1 Kg 19:9, 11-13</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Rom 9:1-5</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 14:22-33</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – ps. 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *R/*

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *R/*

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

This Tuesday, 15th August, is the **Feast of the Assumption**. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this Feast Day.

Masses to be celebrated in our churches will be at:

8.00am Marist College Kogarah

9.00am Bexley

9.00am Arncliffe

10.30am Rockdale

7.00pm Rockdale

THANK YOU FROM FATHER YACUB

Thank you to everyone who joined me for a celebration Mass, followed by my birthday dinner last Saturday.

I would like to thank all those who organised the evening, cooked the delicious food, decorated and cleaned up the hall and provided entertainment with singing and dancing.

I also offer my thanks to those who gave gifts and cash donations. The cash will all be forwarded to the school in Pakistan that I have supported for many years to educate the local children. Many thanks Fr Yacub. ☺

FATHER NORVIN RETURNS THIS WEEKEND

Please welcome Fr Norvin home from India where he has been for several weeks following the passing of his mother Leena Dias in June. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, 20th August at 10.30am in St Joseph's for Father's mother.


REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

CONFIRMATION

The children from our parishes are continuing their lessons for the Confirmation program this weekend. Please keep them all in your prayers as they seek guidance from the Holy Spirit.



CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

 Thank you 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 a CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.

FREE TREE MULCH

Recently there were some trees trimmed on the parish property. Father kept the shredded mulch for his gardens but there is still some 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, shovels and containers as we cannot offer any assistance to you.

"TAP & GO" MACHINES IN OUR CHURCHES

Parishioners are asked to give to our parishes via the Tap & Go machines which are located in each of our churches. It is a quick and easy way to donate when people don't bring cash to Mass to put on the collection plates. This money goes directly into the parish account and not sent elsewhere. The benefit for the parish of receiving monies this way is to enable us to receive the money instantly and to allow us to have money available for payment for upkeep of the parishes, the utilities and the facilities. It's an added donation to us and we would love it if you can take more advantage of it. ☺

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This weekend, the Church of Australia will conclude National Vocations Awareness Week. National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply.

For more information, please contact the Vocations Office by email at vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8424.

RAISING FATHERS EVENTS 2023

Join us for the *Raising Fathers* evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world. This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive. To be held on **Thursday, 31 August** at St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield.

To attend, please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092812?qr=true>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

These are now available from the Parish Office if you have not picked yours up from your preferred church. Please call before coming in on 9567 1558.

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

- Sacred silence crowns World Youth Day adventure
- The church is for everyone: Pope Francis to pilgrims
- Religious vilification laws passed for NSW
- Robert Falzon: Dads need the gift of appreciation
- Busting myths about natural fertility
- Monica Doumit: Misinformation Bill will make govt the judge of truth

OREMUS: ONLINE PRAYER SERIES

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life, and your confidence to pray with others. Join us online for this 3-week series on the Foundations of Prayer. This will be held on Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September from 7:30 – 8:45 pm. **Cost: Free**

Optional in-person retreat to follow on Saturday, 28 October, at St Martha's Leichhardt, 10 am – 4 pm, \$28.50 (+booking fees).

Register for either or both opportunities at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. All welcome.



RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly recommended in churches, as Covid is still very much in our local community.**
- **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.

CALIX SOCIETY

"We substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies". Stay and sober with the Catholic faith and a 12-Step program. Join in prayer for: total abstinence, spiritual development, and personal sanctification. Do you "thirst" for more? Contact calixsydney@outlook.com or <https://www.calixsociety.org>

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Clara Dal Santo, Alexis Blades, Therese Worboys, Charles Timoney, Mary Arena, Bartola Mandile, Concetta Figliano and Elmer Grskovic Sr.

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

"Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good."
15.1.1872

