

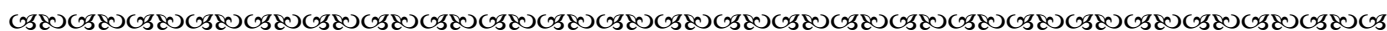
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 24 & 25 AUGUST 2024

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St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg

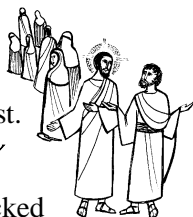
St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley: 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES 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>Joshua 24:1-2.15-18</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Eph 5:21-32</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 6:60-69</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33.2-3.16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/*



The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. *R/*

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *R/*

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. *R/*

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!



**Lord to whom
shall we go?**

VISITING CHOIR TO CELEBRATE MASS WITH PARISHIONERS AT ST GABRIEL'S

Next Sunday 25th August the John Paul Singers will visit St Gabriel's Bexley and sing at the **5.00pm Mass**. The "JPS" were established by Br. Colin Smith to sing for the Papal visits to Australia in 1986 and 1995. The repertoire is mostly focused on sacred music ranging from plainsong to contemporary works and often featuring compositions by Colin Smith. The choir work with parish choirs to promote sacred music and choral singing.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend this special Mass.

Director: Stoyan Assenov;

Secretary/Manager: Christopher Coad;

Organist: Miho Haghigo

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.

**PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION
PASTORAL APPEAL**

Next weekend, 31st August and 1st September we will be having the annual appeal for the Priests who are no longer working full-time. When priests move from full-time ministry they need support, so that they are not disadvantaged with respect to housing, living expenses, health care and transport, etc. To provide this support, we need to actively participate to the Retirement Fund, by raising funds through this annual appeal. People continually value our ministry and are keen to support, and your contributions are truly appreciated. Let us be generous as God is with us. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for supporting your brother priests, through the Priests' Retirement Foundation. There are special envelopes on the seats this weekend. Please take one home return next weekend with your donation.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any unclaimed receipts and boxes of envelopes are now available from the parish office. Please phone before coming to see us.

Thank you to all the new parishioners who've taken up the Planned Giving this financial year. This really supports our parish in a practical way.

New Givers are always welcome to join the Planned Giving Envelope System to attract a 30% annual taxation deduction. ☺

SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Each of our churches have special Mass Offering envelopes. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published in the weekly bulletin. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated on a particular date, a minimum of one week's notice must be given.

RAISING FATHERS EVENING SERIES

In an age where there is a training manual for almost everything, there is still no manual, map, or compass for carrying out one of the most important and impacting tasks on earth—fathering!

Join us for a RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world.

Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, published author and co-founder of menALIVE. Since the founding of menALIVE in 2003, this work has delivered 450 events across 26 dioceses and numerous schools in Australia and NZ reaching more than 30,000 men.

DATES AND VENUES
Monday, 26 August - St Patrick's College Sutherland:
551 President Avenue, Sutherland

Tuesday, 27 August - Corpus Christi College Maroubra:
35 Donovan Ave, Maroubra

Wednesday, 28 August - De La Salle College Revesby
Heights: 9 Ferndale Road, Revesby Heights

See this site for more information and to register,
<https://www.trybooking.com/CUADF>

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Don't fret, you have done your best." 14.11.1898



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.

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 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.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Five generations, one pew
- Eileen O'Connor's sainthood cause sent to Rome
- Aussies in Timor-Leste excited for Pope Francis
- Parents urged to contribute to NSW pornography inquiry
- 2024 Social Justice Statement: Truth is a matter of life and death

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that 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. 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.

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

In this cold weather, men and boys are reminded to remove caps and beanies **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.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Chappell, Mary Chappell, Daphne Burton, Jovie Casuso-Reyes, Noelene Adams, Pierina Crivici, Rocco Lo Russo, Carmela Disibio, Agustin Canda, Josiane Stajdohar, Maria D'Ambrosio, Tina Lombardo, Michelangelo Todisco, Ondino Brajevich, Albert Ippolito, Danielle Ypes and Filomena Sunga.

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.