

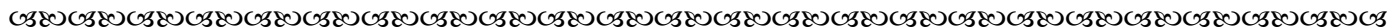
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 5 & 6 OCTOBER 2024

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**SCHOOLS:**

**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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> ) 10.30am	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		12.00pm ( <i>First Sunday only Urdu</i> )	5.00pm
		6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	
<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	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Gen 2:18-24</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Heb 2:9-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 10:2-16</i>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 127**

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. *R/*



Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. *R/*

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.

**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.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**

The annual appeal for Catholic mission will be held **this weekend, 5 and 6 October** with a **third collection after Holy Communion** at all Masses. There are special envelopes on the pews. If you require a tax-deduction, please tick the box and fill in **ALL** the required information, **especially the amount** you are giving.

In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing. This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need. This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet. For more information, (freecall): 1800 257 296 or email [catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia) for more information.

**BAPTISMS**

This weekend we welcome Billie Cramp and Flynn Grange at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on their special day.



## ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** until October 31 in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED TO HELP OUT

We have been recently asked to assist at Fairmont Nursing Home in Dunmore St, Bexley. Recently a couple of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers have left or retired and those who are assisting, are being asked to give more of their time. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758 if you have an hour or two to spare.

## 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.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) 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.

## WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO 7 SIGNIFICANT CHURCH SITES IN SYDNEY

The Emmanuel Community invites families, parish groups, and individuals to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on **Saturday, October 12**. Walking from Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney, to the Eileen O'Connor Centre, Coogee, the pilgrimage is a time of prayer and fraternity. For more information, updates and to register interest, email [ecsydneycomms@gmail.com](mailto:ecsydneycomms@gmail.com) or website: <https://forms.gle/QqF7Dsoi6LV5HQDL9>

## TURNING YOUR SCARS INTO STARS

The Jesus Light of the World Communities at St Joseph's are having a Day Retreat and Healing Mass on Saturday, 26 October from 9:30 am – 5:30pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale (Parking Entry at Parker St.). The Keynote Speaker is Marina George and Fr John Iacono will be the Presider. **Booking Essential**. Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided. Enquiries: Helen - 0433455114 or Esperance - 0407749182

## MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice? Hear inspiring stories from PALMS mission participants at our Discovery Online session **Wednesday October 9** from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Explore unique opportunities matching your skills to sustainable solutions. Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events) / 9560 5333 / [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

Men and boys are reminded to remove caps, beanies and hoods, **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.

## ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"We can do nothing without God." (11.11.1880)



## 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

- Pray for peace amid Lebanon escalation
- Msgr John Usher laid to rest
- How Catholic Schools make NRL legends
- What the church teaches about authentic masculinity
- New Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools

## SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH THEATRE

The Carlo Acutis stage play *'Highway To Heaven'* will be presented by the children of St. Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe and Sydney Catholic Youth. Come along **next Saturday, October 12**, to see the children's ministry's rendition of this young, soon-to-be saint's incredible life. Grab your tickets today at <https://sydcath.au/47Io8Pj> and bring the whole family!

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

If you or a friend have been unable to or are struggling to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, or are a couple hoping to conceive, then please consider attending the "You Are Not Alone" retreat day held on **Saturday October 19** at St Martha's, 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt. The Emmanuel Community facilitates the day with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team and will include Mass, talks, prayer, reflections, and time for couples. Registrations close on 15 October, more information at [www.trybooking.com/1183690](http://www.trybooking.com/1183690)

## LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

The annual "Life, Marriage and Family Sunday", was established in response to the World Meeting of Families held in 2018, emphasising the universal call to celebrate and support family life. The Life, Marriage and Family Sunday event will be held again at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, October 20**, starting with Mass at 10:30 am. Married couples from Sydney parishes celebrating significant wedding anniversaries – 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50+ years can receive a certificate from Bishop Richard Umbers at the gathering at the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

## 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](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.

## RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Dwyer

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elia Karim, Maria Carnabuci, Salvatore Catalano, Lucrezia Farrugia, Mary Caruana, Norma Petronio, Bozo Soljo and Patricia (Trish) Coleman,

**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.**