

# 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)

17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 23 & 24 JULY 2022

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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> 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
<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.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Gen 18:20-32</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Col 2:12-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 11:1-13</i>			

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 137:1-3,6-8

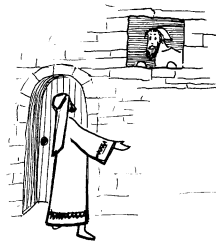
Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. *R/*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. *R/*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. *R/*

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. *R/*



## CELEBRATE ST MARY MACKILLOP'S FEAST DAY

The Feast of St Mary MacKillop is 8<sup>th</sup> August and to celebrate this year there will be a lunch followed by entertainment in the hall at St Joseph's following the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August**. Everyone is welcome and to participate or help with the event. Those who would like to help in any way are asked to write your name and contact number on the sheet at the front of the church. We would love those attending to bring a plate of food to share or to show off your talents in a program following the lunch. Parking will not be available on this day in the school grounds but on the tennis court opposite.

## CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

Next weekend, **30 & 31 July** will be the first of three appeals for this financial year for the Charitable Works' Fund. There are envelopes on the pews this weekend, so you are encouraged to take one home and return it next weekend with your donation. **Next weekend there will be a third collection after Communion.** Each parish is given a quota to fund each appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If this quota is not met, then the shortfall comes from our own parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, but please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit  
which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.  
Alleluia!

### LITURGY COURSES AVAILABLE IN OUR PARISH

Following consultation with the Archdiocese our parish is please to announce that Liturgy courses will be available in September for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes and Readers. These are also available in other parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

**PLEASE NOTE that these courses will now all be held in St Joseph's Hall, Parker St Rockdale.**

These courses are also available for people to attend from any other parish, but priority will be given to our own parishioners first, when they are held in our area.

I request that anyone who is currently undertaking these roles attends these courses to gain the qualification via the Archdiocese, no matter how long you have been assisting in these areas in the parish.

Also, 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.

A limited number of participants will be accepted for each course. This means that with regard to enrolment, priority will need to be given to parishioners from the parish where the course is taking place. So, we really need to know who would like to attend by **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July via email to the parish office [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au).** Next year these courses we will continue to be offered but possibly in different parishes, so if it happens that we are not able to accommodate parishioners this year, there will be more opportunities next year. The Archdiocese plan to have a schedule for 2023 ready before the end of this year. You must attend both dates for each course.

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. This is not a parish run course as they were some years ago but one that has is run by the Sydney Archdiocese.

#### 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**

### RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Covid has made a return to our local area!**
- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with the newer version of the virus in the community.
- 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 to join 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.**

### 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.

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

This October Fr Yacub is going on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land beginning **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October** for 11 days. The Pilgrimage is organised by Harvest Journeys. If any parishioners are seriously interested in joining Father on this very special trip, there are a few brochures in our churches. If they have been taken already, please email the parish office [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) and a copy can be sent to you with all the details. Some of the places that will be visited are Mt Carmel, Haifa, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt Tabor, Masada, Jericho and Jerusalem. There is a 'post tour' option of three nights in Jordan.

The cost of the Pilgrimage commences from \$4990/twin share and includes accommodation, all breakfasts and some other meals plus transport in the Holy Land. Flights to and from Australia are extra at your own expense. Please contact Harvest Journeys for more information and booking details: Ph. 1800 819 156 or email [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or see Fr Yacub.

### MEN ONLY INVITATION

St Thomas More Parish Brighton Le Sands is inviting all men on **Saturday the 13th August** for a special get together with newly installed Bishop, Danny Meagher. The morning's events will start at 8.00am for Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Meagher at 8.30am. Following the Mass an extra special version of a "Hearty Cooked Breakfast" (to welcome the Bishop) before moving to another highlight of the morning; A very personal "Presentation to the Men of our Community" by Bishop Meagher! This will be followed by an open discussion and concluding with a blessing of our STM Men's Fellowship and the wider community!) Please let as many men you know as possible about this event! The church doors will be open from 7.30am - and all are welcome to join in!

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- **BE THERE!** Parish Renewal Conference to drive evangelisation
  - Catholic and proud: Talks explore the beauty of Humanae Vitae
  - Man of Honour: Sir Gerard Brennan
- The price is STILL only \$2.00.** Copies available today.

### RECENTLY DECEASED: Betty Watson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Paulo Taufa, Geoffrey Robinson, Josephine Ramsay, Susan Cani, Delia Oke, Anna Landi, Marianna Ciruolo, Norma Dunne, Carmel Shephard, Mario Costantino, Lois Lynch,

**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

"Does God ever allow anyone that trusts in him to be confounded" 26.12.1872

