

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)

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 8 & 9 OCTOBER 2022

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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 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: 2Kg 5:14-17 ; 2 nd Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13 ; Gospel: Lk 17:11-19			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 112:1-2,4-8

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. *R/*



The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth
and love for the house of Israel. *R/*

All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!



BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Ezio Mosquera who will be baptised at St Joseph's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this very special occasion.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This weekend, 8 and 9 October, there will be a third collection after Holy Communion at all Masses to support the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. There are envelopes on the pews to place your donation in. If you require a tax-deduction, please tick the box and fill in all the required information. There is information inside if you would like to use a credit card. Please take one home if you did not bring any cash and return it next weekend.



Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's, so that babies like Ajani can be healthy and strong. Please give generously today to help kick-start this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scanning this QRcode. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



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 Monday, 31st October in St Joseph's Church, including weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.

FR YACUB ON LEAVE

Fr Yacub will be on leave during the month of October. This is a long overdue and much needed break for Fr Yacub. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

ANNUAL MASS AND BLESSING OF THE SICK

The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to extend an invitation for the parishioners to come and join in the Celebration of the Mass & Blessing of the Sick **this Sunday 9th October**. This will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, rear of St James Avenue Earlwood. Proceedings will commence with the recitation of the Rosary at 2.30pm & followed by the Mass & Blessing of the Sick at 3pm. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Danny Meagher. **All welcome.**

SCHOOL OF ROCK, THE MUSICAL

Parishioners are invited to come along and support local school students who are participating in School of Rock, The Musical to be held at Qudos Bank Arena this coming Tuesday and Wednesday, **11th and 12th October**. This is a Sydney Catholic Schools presentation, and the children are from schools across the Archdiocese, including some of our local children, both high school and primary school. This is a family show and tickets are available through Ticketek.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 INFORMATION AND FORMATION EVENING

This event is for any **young adults (18+)** who are interested in attending WYD23 in Lisbon, Portugal. Priests are also invited and encouraged to attend this event. You may even consider attending as a parish group. The event will consist of opportunities for social time and for prospective pilgrims to get to know each other, updated information about WYD, testimonies, catechesis (which will be given by international guest speaker – Deacon Harold Burke Sivers) and some live music entertainment. There will also be info stalls for those who have particular questions about WYD. Please see event details here.

Date: **This coming Wednesday 12 October** at Canterbury Leagues Club, 26 Bridge Rd, Belmore from 6:30-9:30pm. Complimentary finger food will be served. Drinks can also be purchased at the bar. **Cost: FREE.** Registration: **Those wishing to attend must register by using this form:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemBz4VSdgUv_wxOWaHFibG9poB_CbNGMV-voBxYhkQXY-13g/viewform If you can't access this link, please email the parish office and it will be emailed back to you.

2022 ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at the Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am **next Sunday 16th October** at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome! For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8480.

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.

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2023 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Parents: Monitor Gaming!
- Goulburn Cathedral vandalized
- 70 years Down Under
- Youth set a fire at Ignite
- Helping women in crisis
- Little nun, big 'saint'?

Just \$2.00 in each of our churches.

SUPPORT CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

BELOVED WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

An initiative of the Catholic Women's Network, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is a Retreat Day on **Saturday November 5th** from 8:30am- 5:30pm at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Speakers include Sr Mary Julian Ekman (Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan), Fr Daniele Russo (Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney) and Heather Khym, co-host, Abiding Together podcast. \$65 early-bird price until 14th October. All meals included. For more details and to register: <https://www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/event/cwn-beloved-retreat/>

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are highly recommended in churches.**
- 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 and distance before joining 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.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Laurence Crowe and Jana Talevska.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ethel Donoghue, Giovanni Sias, Darcy & Joan Kearney, Franjo Srncic, Elia Karim, Rita Caforio, Maria Carnabuci, Salvatore Catalano, Mary Caruana and Rosa Garcia.

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

"My one constant prayer for those that I love is that God in his love may grant them a happy death."

7.1.1868

