

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)

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 26 & 27 JUNE 2021

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St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 - Principal: Ms Zeina Chalich
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. The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.		
1 st Reading: <i>Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 5:21-43</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29:24-6.11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. *R/*



Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. *R/*

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have a number of parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, so we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the 125 children and three adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the past three weeks. The celebrations were prayerful and reverent.

A BIG THANK YOU to our sacramental coordinators, Mrs Lee Kenrick, Anne Gleeson, Monique Cohen; the Parish Catechists and Danielle Burton, Year 6 teacher at St Joseph's Primary who prepared the children for the reception of the Sacrament. Thank you also to, the acolytes, altar servers, choirs, musicians, church cleaners, those who arranged the flowers or who prepared the churches and altars; and any others who gave their time to make the Confirmation Masses meaningful to the children and their families. Thank you also to the Parish Office Staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes over many months.

DEMPSEY MEDALS PRESENTED

Last Sunday Archbishop Fisher presented Dempsey Medals to seven parishioners who come from the three churches in our twinned parishes: Arncliffe, Bexley & Rockdale. We heard the presentation ceremony was a wonderful occasion for the deserving recipients, their families and friends. Once again, our sincere congratulations to:

- Vince Carrabs from the Rockdale Italian Community
- Peter & Ellen Gillett (Rockdale)
- Terry & Jude McBride (Arncliffe)
- Robert & Kathryn Phillips (Bexley)

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

The 29th of June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. It has long been customary on the Sunday closest to this great Feast Day, to give people the opportunity to support the work of the Holy Father.

Therefore, **NEXT weekend 3 & 4 July, there will be an extra collection plate out alongside the other regular first and second collections.** Please take an envelope home this week and return it next week with your donation.

The monies will enable Pope Francis to support his charitable and pastoral ministries throughout the world. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. All the monies collected from across the Archdiocese will be forwarded directly to the Holy See via the Archdiocesan Chancery.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope Program for the coming New Financial Year, or any who may want to change their 'tax category' for claiming a tax-deduction, are asked to please contact the Parish Office (9567 1558) as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences. **If anyone has changed their address or phone number, please notify the office so we can adjust our records.**

Any enquiries are most welcome. If you are paying income tax each year, some of the envelopes can be used for a 30% Tax Deduction to off-set your payable income tax.

Please note the last weekend for giving to the parish for this financial year will be **next weekend 26/27 June**. Any donations received after **Sunday 27th June** will go into the next financial year. This includes dropping your envelopes to the Parish Office during the week. Sunday 28th is the absolute deadline.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2021/22 Financial Year are now available from your designated church. Please collect as soon as possible.

However, due to the decline in parishioners in the Planned Giving Program, a number of parishioners will find that they have a new number for the new financial year. In the past few years, we have ordered envelopes only to find some people have not picked up or used their envelopes; have left the parishes or passed away. As the parish needs to save money the numbers have been consolidated to use up unclaimed numbers in each church. This does not mean a change of Taxable/Non-taxable category, simply a new number within the respective category.

CATHOLIC MISSION: INDIA COVID-19 APPEAL

The aid agency, Catholic Mission, has launched an urgent appeal to provide immediate help for vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Well over 300,000 people have died from the illness in India and hospitals have been struggling to cope. Through donating to Catholic Mission, you will be playing a key role in supporting the valuable work of mission hospitals in the country. Donate online via the Catholic Mission website at: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>.

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary places her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Restrictions on church attendance again require us to observe the four-square metre rule. Our three churches are limited for numbers attending.**
- **Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing.**
- **In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone attending a church now must wear a face mask. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this rule but are encouraged to wear face masks where practicable. NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.**
- **Congregational singing is NOT ALLOWED.**
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **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 go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Sexual abuse is a crime. 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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Golding, Hanny Herawati and Anne Duggan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Basha, Maureen Weeks, Cristoforo Conte and Tony Bazouni.

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 rest in peace. Amen.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Courage, dear child, and do not yield to sadness."
6.10.1898

