

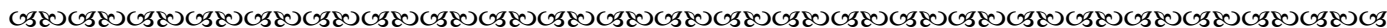
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 7 & 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias



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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

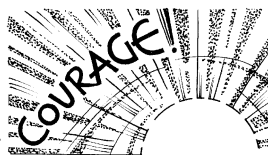
**St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley:** 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	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>Is 35:4-7</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>James 2:1-5</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 7:31-37</i>		

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 45:7-10**

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R/*



It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just, the Lord,  
who protects the stranger. *R/*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

**FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY**

**This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a Family Mass for those children and families who attend St Joseph's Primary and the local public schools. Welcome everyone. ☺

**PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION PASTORAL APPEAL**

On behalf of the retired clergy, I thank you for your ongoing practical and prayerful support of our older priests. Donations are still being accepted. If you still wish to give and have an envelope, please place it in any collection plate this weekend.

**BAPTISM**

This weekend we welcome Kiara Barkat who will be baptised at St Joseph's on Sunday. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.



**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.

**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.

## MENTION MY NAME - SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to join us a special Remembrance Service for family, friends and communities, grieving the death of someone close, to suicide or misadventure. Presided by Most Reverend Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Sydney. This will be held this coming **Tuesday 10th September** at 7pm, in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney For further information, please contact the Grief Care Team on 9646 6908 or email [team@griefcare.com.au](mailto:team@griefcare.com.au)

## 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.

## PADRE PIO NOVENA

Parishioners are invited to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in Glenmore Park Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

Three Day Triduum:

**Thursday 19 September:** 7.00pm Novena then Mass.

**Friday 20 September:** 7.00pm Novena then Mass.

**Saturday 21 September:** 5.30pm Novena then the Sunday Vigil Mass.

Feast Day Mass on **Sunday 22 September:**

10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities.

## ANNUAL 'BE NOT AFRAID' MEN'S CONFERENCE

A one-day conference for men (18+) will be held at St Mary's Cathedral Hall Sydney from 7am to 3.30pm on **Saturday, 21 September**. This year's theme is '7 Deadly Sins—vices and opposing virtues,' which will be presented by various speakers.

The speakers include; Fr Daniele Russo, Fr Greg Morgan, Fr James Baxter OP, Fr Chris de Sousa CRS, Fr Dan McCaughan, Dr Peter Holmes, Christian Stephens, Fr Richard Wallace FSSP, Fr Emmanuel Seo, Fr Ben Saliba as MC plus others joining us for the day! The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, mass, opportunity for confession, Q&A, lunch, fraternity and small expo. We're gathering as men to encounter Our Lord and increase in faith, hope and charity in brotherhood to be the man God created us to be.

Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45. Clergy, Religious and Seminarians are free. Tickets are limited, register now and invite a mate. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CUGHI>

## AVE MARIA: A CONCERT OF SACRED CLASSICS

Bondi Catholic Parishes presents Ave Maria: A Concert of Sacred Classics performed by the choir of St Anne's Shrine and special guests, conducted by Eugene Raggio. Featuring Schubert's Ave Maria, Franck's Panis Angelicus, the Hallelujah Chorus, Allegri's Miserere and more. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the performance. To be held on Friday, 20 September at 7.30pm. 47 Mitchell St, Bondi (Free parking in the school grounds of Galilee Catholic School access via Oakley Rd)

## 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

- Shroud Of Turin: Leading Australian researcher says science has proved authenticity
- Spiritual warfare is about the basics: Archbishop Porteous
- New doco recalls JPPII's visit to Sydney
- Disciple Diaries: Stunt Truckie now God's prime mover
- Monica Doumit: 'Born Alive' bills show anti-life's ghoulish logic
- George Weigel: 25 years since A Witness to Hope

## 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.

## 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.*

## 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Wilson, Shirley Hughes, Eduard Kovavic, Peggy Costello, Mina Hadley and Giuseppina Di Loreto.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Lindsley Wholohan, Maria Lizzo, Zebulon Perano, Pierina Ruaro, Annemarie Petunis, Lina Alterio, Carmen Bugeja, Filippa Altavilla, Marcello Tini, Aurora Biscante and Grace, Elia, George, Les & Jean Spiteri.

**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 WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Do not, to please others, go beyond your strength, and attempt more than you are able for." 22.2.1899

