

# 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)

## 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 8 & 9 JUNE 2024

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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> 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.		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Gen 3:9-15; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Gospel: Mk 3:20-35</b>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 129

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. *R/*

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you *R/*

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak. *R/*

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. *R/*



### NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2024/25 Financial Year **are now available** from the church you have nominated. **Please note** that some parishioners may have been issued with a new number this year. Please check your box.

**N.B. The weekend of June 29 & 30 will be the last weekend for this taxation year to put your donations in.** Any donations received via the collections after **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** will go into the next financial year.

**If you an on-line giver,** for the Planned Giving, you asked to make your last donation for this financial year **by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June** so that the payment is cleared through the banking system before the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### 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 [equiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:equiries@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.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The prince of this world will now be cast out,  
and when I am lifted up from the earth  
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THOSE DONATING THROUGH THE PLANNED GIVING (ENVELOPES)**

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June is the final weekend** for donations using Planned Giving for this financial year. In the current box of envelopes, you have for this year is an envelope at the back of the box that we haven't seen before. This current financial year has 53 weeks for giving, not the usual 52. The printers have issued everyone with an extra envelope that is not printed in the usual format i.e. with a picture of your church/es on the front. Therefore, all the envelopes look the same for Rockdale/Arncliffe AND Bexley

This will create a huge issue for processing the envelopes in the parish computer because MMRC parish and Bexley Parish have common numbers issued to parishioners.

YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER..... (if applicable)	30 June DATE.....2024
Please write your parish name here <b>MMRC or BEXLEY</b>	
<b><i>My Offering to my Church</i></b>	
There are 53 Sundays in this calendar year. This envelope is the 53rd Sunday in the series. Please use it as you would your usual Weekly envelopes.	

**There are two options that will help us.**

1. Don't use THIS envelope. Put your usual weekly offering in your regular envelope the weekend before (just double the amount you usually give to cover the last week). This is the **preferred solution**. ☺
2. If you do choose to use this envelope, **PLEASE** put **YOUR** regular number on the front of your envelope and the name of your regular church/parish e.g. **MMRC or BEXLEY** in big letters so that the money counters put it with the correct parish when doing the counting that week. (See example below)

If you leave your number or parish name off the envelope for that week, it will not be receipted to you as we have no way of knowing who you are if you don't provide the above information.

**THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- Record crowds return to Walk with Christ
- NSW residents reject "equality" bill
- Don't take religious freedom for granted, warns Archbishop Fisher OP
- Parish Renewal Conference returns to Sydney
- A new era for natural family planning
- 'Tik-Tok' priest launches merchandise to evangelise

**SUPPORT NEEDED BY CARITAS**

Your urgent support is needed now for Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster. Hundreds of people have been displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Log on to the website to donate at [www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png)

**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.

**HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL SERVICE 2024**

All are welcome to join this memorial service on **Friday, 21 June** at 6pm in the Martin Place Amphitheatre to commemorate the lives of all people who have died while experiencing homelessness in the past year. Supported by the Justice and Peace Office, Vinnies and Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria.

**SEVENHILL – A LIVING ARCHIVE TALK**

The Australian Catholic Historical Society will gather in the crypt of Saint Patrick's Church Church Hill at 2:00 PM on 16 June for an engaging talk entitled "Sevenhill – a living archive" by Dr Julie Thorpe, independent scholar and historian. Sevenhill is the Jesuit Winery in the Clare Valley. All are welcome, and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history, are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>. Enquiries may be directed to [secretaryachs@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryachs@gmail.com)

**THE GRACES OF PILGRIMAGE: A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND TESTIMONY**

Fr Andrew Grace and Juliana Elarde give witness about miracles of healing that occurred while on pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Lourdes, which dramatically changed lives. Come and hear their remarkable stories. Hosted by Harvest Journeys. Supper will be provided. To be held on **Sunday, 23 June**, from 7pm – 9pm at St Dominic's Catholic Church, cnr Hornsey Rd & The Crescent, Flemington. Register to attend at [trybooking.com/CREJM](http://trybooking.com/CREJM)

**COVID REMINDER**

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many 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.

**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Mary Harding RSJ**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Adelina Macinante, Lora Sultana, William Mooney, Antonietta Abbon, Giuseppe Celin, Teresa Mazzeo, Maria Pizzale, Providenza Bonica, Margaret Byrne and Jennifer Laifoo.

**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**

"The love of Jesus is too strong for me not to cling to." 1873

