

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)

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 24 & 25 SEPTEMBER 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 (Italian) 10.30am 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)	----- 9.00am 5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday (Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (Benediction at 8.45am)
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.		
1st Reading: <i>Amos 6:1,4-7</i> ; 2nd Reading: <i>1 Tim 6:11-16</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 16:19-31</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145:7-10

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.
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord,
who protects the stranger. *R/*

He 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/*



ST VINCENT DE PAUL INVITATION

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting an open day **this Sunday 25th September** after 10.30 Mass in the Parish Hall at St Joseph's. We would like to introduce ourselves and to hopefully build a Vinnies Conference within St Joseph's local area. Anyone who is interested in this ministry is invited to come and join us for morning tea so we can tell people what is involved in this venture. We look forward to seeing you on this day. *Thank you - Sue Vit, St George Regional President for St Vincent de Paul.*



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** from Saturday, 1st to Monday, 31st October in St Joseph's Church, including weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty. **Alleluia!**

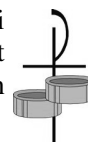


FR YACUB ON LEAVE

Fr Yacub will be on leave during the month of October. We wish him a safe trip home to Pakistan and hope he enjoys time with family and friends. This is a long overdue and much needed break for Fr Yacub.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jun Chang and Nadia Pellizzeri who were married on Saturday afternoon at St Francis Xavier's. May God's blessings be upon them for a lifetime of love and happiness.



HAPPY FEAST DAY TO BEXLEY PARISHIONERS

The Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael is this coming Thursday, 29th September. Happy Feast Day to all at St Gabriel's. ☺

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 on **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.

VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTS OFFICER/BOOKKEEPER

Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. Ph 0412 550 902 OR E-mail kevin@palms.org.au

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

Do you enjoy the beautiful Australian bush and all that is unique about our native habitat? The Catholic Bushwalking Club has over 400 members but is always looking for new people to join them in their outdoor activities that they offer every weekend in and around Sydney. They continue to seek new members, in particular younger members to join them. Membership offers a choice of graded walks, abseiling, canyoning and camping for a variety of fitness levels, as well as a variety of social activities. The Club generally holds at least 1 walk each weekend and often holds walks midweek. Walks of varying grades are held, ranging from easy on-track walks through to challenging adventures in untracked country. The benefits of bushwalking to physical, emotional and mental wellbeing are undisputed. To join, visit their website: www.cbcnsw.org.au or phone: 0478 919 427.

ABORIGINAL CATHOLICS AND RECONCILIATION

Presented by the Justice and Peace Office, Archdiocese of Sydney, an Address will be given by 2021 Senior Australian of the Year, artist and educator Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann on **Friday 7 October** from 5:30-7:30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral School Hall. Dr Miriam is one of the people chosen to represent Australia at Queen Elizabeth's funeral this coming week. To register and obtain tickets at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-catholics-and-reconciliation-tickets-409446334007>

FEMININE GENIUS

A retreat for Catholic women, aged 18-35, single or married is offered over a weekend of prayer, talks, silence and fellowship. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday 14th and concludes at 1pm on Sunday 16th October at the Mount Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Accommodation and meals included in the retreat fee. (Single room: \$340.00; Shared room: \$250.00; please speak to the sisters if financial assistance is needed) Register by emailing the Sisters at: sydney@op-tn.org

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.

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: **Wednesday 12 October** at Canterbury Leagues Club, 26 Bridge Rd, Belmore from 6:30-9:30pm.

Food: Complimentary finger food will be served. Drinks can also be purchased at the bar. **Cost: FREE**

Registration: **Those wishing to attend must register by Thursday 6 October using this form** - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemBz4VSDgUv_wxOWaHF1bG9poB_CbNGMV-voBxYhkQXy-13g/viewform If you can't access this link, please email the parish office and it will be emailed back to you.

WALKING WITH WISDOM

This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, **6-27 October 2022**, 10am-12.30pm. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

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: Antonius Widjaja

ANNIVERSARIES: Trish Coleman; John Farrell, Luigi Mainente, Domenico Rizzo, Evelina Delloso and Emma Trovato.

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

"Have patience and go on quietly with your work."
30.12.1897

