

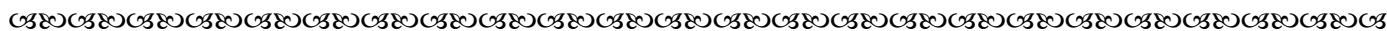
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 17 & 18 JUNE 2023

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

**Assistant Parish Priest** – Fr Norvin Dias



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**Office hours:** Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

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**SCHOOLS:**

**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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> )	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		10.30am	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>Ex 19:2-6</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Rom 5:6-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 9:36-10:8</i>		

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 99:2-3, 5

**We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**



Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. *R/*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *R/*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

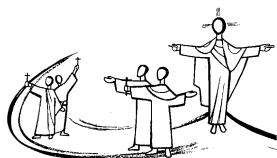
He is faithful from age to age. *R/*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!

**Alleluia!**



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Many thanks to those who gave last weekend to the St Vincent de Paul Society. On behalf of the people they reach out to, we commend your generosity to their Winter Appeal. Every contribution makes a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. If you still have an envelope at home, please bring it to Mass next weekend if you wish to get a tax deduction this financial year.

### FATHER YACUB'S BIRTHDAY DINNER

You are cordially invited to the 60th birthday celebration for Father Yacub on **Friday, 4th August**, at 6.30 pm. The event will be held in St Joseph's Hall, Rockdale.

To assist us with the event preparations, we kindly request that you provide your full name and indicate the number of people attending with you by completing the RSVP form **no later than Sunday, 9th July**. The RSVP Entry Pass slip will be available at the entrance of the church. Please tear off the designated portion of the entry pass only and bring it with you on the day of the event, as it will serve as your entry pass.

We regret to inform you that no entry will be permitted without a valid entry pass slip, as it is necessary for catering purposes. Please **DO NOT** contact the parish office to book your attendance.

**Please, note that Father has requested no gifts**, but if you are able, a generous contribution towards helping the Pakistani children would be greatly appreciated. Fr Yacub is looking forward to celebrating his special occasion with you. 😊

### FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass for the late William (Bill) Mooney will be held this coming **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** in St Francis Xavier's Church at 10.00am. Please keep his family in your prayers at this sad time.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parishes who will complete their lessons this Sunday, in preparation to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at separate Masses next weekend.



## FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

Each of our three churches has Piety Stalls with appropriate gifts for children who will receive their First Holy Communion this month. Please support our parishes by giving a Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2023/24 Financial Year are now available from the church you have nominated.

**N.B. Next weekend of June 24 & 25 June will be the last weekend for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes.** Any donations received via the collections after next **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** will go into the next financial year.

**If you an on-line giver**, for the Planned Giving, you asked to make your last deposit for this financial year **by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** so that the payment is cleared through the banking system before the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION REQUIRED TO HELP OUT

We urgently need assistance to take Our Lord to Catholics in nursing homes in Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe. You will be very well supported in this vital parish ministry. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758.

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Walk with Christ 2023: Well over 10,000 hit the streets of Sydney for Corpus Christi
- Archbishop Fisher on Corpus Christi: Why we still need public proclamations of faith
- King's Birthday honours: Catholics honoured for service to our nation
- Grandmother slain by taser Clare Nowland laid to rest

## PURPOSE NIGHTS | BLACK AND WHITE NIGHT

Open to students across Sydney in **Years 9-12**, the first ever Purpose Night event is happening June 27th and we can't wait to have you! There will be a live music concert, food trucks, talks, adoration, confession, bonfires, and a Q&A panel! Topic: 'What is Truth?' Dress code: Black and White Clothing! Date and Time: Tuesday 27th June, 5.30 to 9pm at St Christopher's, Holsworthy 205 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy. Registrations are essential. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1064589>

## RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly recommended in churches, as Covid is still very much in our local community.**
- **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.

## 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.

## HOW THE PARISH USES YOUR DONATIONS – DID YOU KNOW?

### First Collection

Supports all Priests in the Sydney Archdiocese

Easter, Christmas, wedding and baptism offerings are all added to the first collection. This is passed on to the Archdiocese.

### Second Collection

Supports All Other Parish Expenses

Your donations through the planned giving envelopes, all cash placed on the plate, and the tap-and-go machines make up the second collection. This money is used in our parish to cover ALL parish expenses and to support pastoral activities. Expenses include administration, insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, and the repair and maintenance of all parish buildings.

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In addition, any shortfall in the yearly target set by the Archdiocese for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has to be covered by this collection. As our parishes do not meet the CWF target, funds are directed to the shortfall each year.

### Special Collections

The Parish does not retain any money from these collections. These include Charitable Works Fund Appeals, Holy Father's Collection, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and Caritas/Project Compassion.

### Thank You for your parish support

Your ongoing generosity and support of the parishes is gratefully acknowledged. Everyone's circumstances are different; therefore, please know that you are not expected to give any more than is reasonable.

## 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:** Adelina Macinante, Bill Mooney and Maria Kicic.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Giuseppe Sullo, Margaret Rodgers, Alwyn Davis, Saydi Harb, Francisco & Aurea Dantas.

**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

"A certain sense of God's wonderful love wonderfully strengthens me." 25.3.1873

