

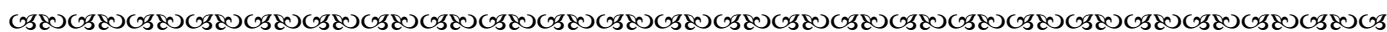
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(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 B - 15 & 16 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> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Sunday Masses</b>	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:</b> <i>Ex 17:22-24</i> ; <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> <i>2 Cor 5:6-10</i> ; <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Mk 4:26-34</i>			

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 91:3-3.13-16

**Lord it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. *R/*

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *R/*

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *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.

## FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June,** the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's is a Family Mass for St Joseph's Primary School and any families whose children attend the local public schools. There will be a morning tea following the Mass.

## 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)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
**Alleluia!**



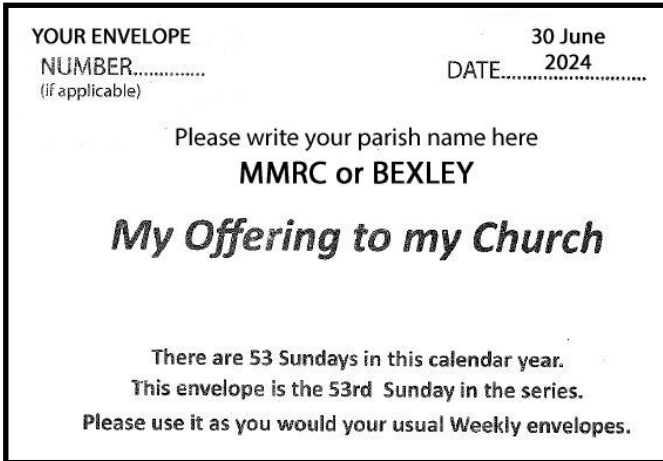
## BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Adeline Warton and Ellis Warton and their family and friends at St Gabriel's on the occasion of their Baptisms.



**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.



**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**

- Watch and pray! Two new perpetual adoration chapels for Sydney
- Catholic Weekly cartoonist Paul Dorin among King's Birthday honourees
- Disciple Diaries: How a silent prayer brought Gina back to God
- 7-Eleven boss James W Keyes on Catholic leadership
- ACT introduces nation's most extreme euthanasia laws
- Mother Hilda Scott OSB: protect your interior life!

**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.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE  
"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." 1907



**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 **this 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.

**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)

**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.

**ADDICTION/ALCOHOLISM:**

**THE 12 STEPS AND CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY**

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recover, incorporating 12-step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets on Saturday, 1 June, at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm). Refreshments and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or [calixsydney@outlook.com](mailto:calixsydney@outlook.com).

**COVID REMINDER**

- 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:** Deidre O'Reilly and Andrew McLaughlin.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Peter Powderly, Alice Farrell, Giuseppe Sullo, Alwyn Davis, Ramon Sanchez, George & Hannah Raffoul & Phanixco Xavier Nguyen Huu Thoung.

**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.**