



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)



EASTER SUNDAY - 16 & 17 APRIL 2022

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	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.		
1 st Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43; 2 nd Reading: Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 (Sunday Morning Mass)			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Sunday Morning Mass)

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end. R/

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R/

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R/



PEACE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Next Sunday, 24th April, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy. This is celebrated in St Joseph's Church from 2:00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Prayers & Reconciliation followed at 3:00pm with Benediction & Mass. Light refreshments will follow the Mass.

HAPPY EASTER!

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! He is risen to bless us this Easter. May we all feel the joy and hope that His resurrection brings to us. Our observance of Lent is concluded with this message: God sent His Son Jesus to show His message of unconditional love and forgiveness. Yes, Jesus is the true message of Easter, and because of Him mankind can have a relationship with their Creator and be with Him for eternity. Easter is not only a tradition celebrated by coloured eggs and rabbits, but for us Christians Easter proclaims the greatest act of love: bringing hope, peace, justice and solidarity to those who are in need.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! This is the Good News that the Church proclaims to all of us! The resurrection is the source of our Christian joy and Christian hope. With the resurrection of Jesus, we know that He is truly Lord and Saviour. With the resurrection of Jesus, He shows us that the way to life is through love and service. May we continue to be an Easter people filled with hope, joy, peace, and love! Easter greetings and blessing to all!
Fr Yacub

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed until 9am Tuesday, 26th April.

EASTER HOME BLESSING

It is custom for people to want their houses blessed at Easter. Please feel free to take a bottle of newly blessed Easter Water and the prayer sheet home with you to use. **PLEASE take only one bottle** this weekend to ensure there are sufficient for people attending the other Masses. You can get another one next weekend.

THANK YOU!

I would very much like to thank all those who have prepared our churches, liturgies and music for the celebration of the Easter Ceremonies during the Sacred Triduum this year. We also thank the readers, the Acolytes and the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. The Masses and Liturgies were beautiful occasions of prayer and praise for our God. Much work goes on behind the scenes and we should be grateful for the generous efforts of so many in our three churches.

We also wish to give thanks to Fr Adriano Pittarello, Fr Ken Sergeant, Fr Simon Kitimbo and Fr Geoff Plant who have so generously assisted myself during Holy Week this year. Without their help, Holy Week would not have had such lovely ceremonies.

On behalf of myself, Fr Peter, Fr Adriano, Sister Marie White rsj, the Scalabrini Fathers and Sisters I wish you and all your families a very happy and holy Easter. We thank you for your kind Easter greetings and gifts.

May God bless you all. Fr Yacub

GUARDIAN FUNERALS

We wish to thank Guardian Funerals at Rockdale for their ongoing generosity in donating our Paschal Candles. They have been most generous in donating Paschal Candles for each of our churches every Easter for many years now. If you need any assistance with funerals or have any questions, please call Sarah on 9567 6066. They are located at 374 Princes Highway, (corner of Bestic St) Rockdale.

HAPPY EASTER FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA!

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PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Don't forget to fill in all the details on the slip if you wish to receive a tax deduction.



ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

If there are any adults in our parishes who have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith, a series of instruction via ZOOM is being offered prior to the Confirmation of Adults in **St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 5th June.**

The first Zoom lesson will be on **Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm.** There are 4 lessons that must be attended. **Please email the Parish Office by 13th April** if you or a family member is interested.

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.

WALZ STREET CLOSURE – SATURDAY, 30TH APRIL

Bayside Council is closing Walz Street for Ramadan celebrations on **Saturday 30th April.** Vehicles will not be permitted to enter or exit Walz Street between 5.00pm and 1.00am on Sunday morning.

The Walz Street entrance to St Joseph's Church grounds will be closed and all traffic for the 6:30pm Mass. Parishioners are to enter the school playground parking area via Parker Street. Only pedestrian traffic will be able to access the church.

Please note the school grounds will be locked up promptly following Mass and any cars left in the grounds will have to remain until the gates are opened for the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with a new version of the virus in the community.
- 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 to join the queue before standing up.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you do not think you have Covid and just a sore throat or a simple cold which is highly indicative of the Omicron virus.

GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Gabbies Sewing Angels continue with their great work despite the Covid pandemic. During the past 12 months we have had to suspend our work in the hall from time to time. However, the production of beautiful garments and items has continued at home. We recently contributed goods to the community of St Bernadette's church at Clempton Park who organised two containers of goods to Tonga.

Next week we will be seeking your support to continue our work with a raffle of four beautiful rugs. Tickets will be on sale at the church doors at Bexley after Mass. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Michael, Vicente Araullo, Gregory Doyle, Giuseppina Tasselli, Giuseppe Gioia, Vera Ziher, Michael Pang, Merlyn Faro, Harry Tang, Ann & Louis Zammit, Charles & Mary Caruana, Carmen & Tony Grech, Michael Caruana and Valerie Ingram.

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.

ST MARY WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"May God bless and strengthen you. Confide all to God. See how God carries us through the storms."
27.3.1872

