



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)

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 6 & 7 MAY 2023



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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	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (<i>Italian</i>)	9.00am
Sunday Masses		10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday (<i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm</i>) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (<i>Benediction at 8.45am</i>)
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: <i>Acts 6:1-7</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Pet 2:4-9</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 14:1-12</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. *R/*

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *R/*

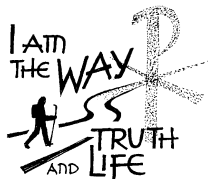
The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (CWF)

- This weekend 7 & 8 May, there will be a THIRD collection after Holy Communion for the final appeal for the current financial year. There are envelopes on the church pews for this appeal. If you have forgotten your donation this week, please take an envelope home with you and return it next weekend with your donation. There is information on the envelope if you wish to use a credit card.
- Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but **please complete ALL the information required for a tax-deductible receipt.**

Many thanks for your ongoing practical support of these important works.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

All Catholic children currently in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year are now invited to make their First Holy Communion. A parent information meeting will be held on **Thursday, 18th May**, in St Joseph's Hall at 7.00pm. At least one parent or guardian of the child is expected to attend this meeting as the Registration Form for the programme will be handed out on the night. **The children are not required to attend this meeting.** Parking is available in the school grounds via Parker St, Rockdale.

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CELEBRATION

Our parishioners are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima and the Kingsgrove Parish **this Sunday, 7th May**. The day commences with Rosary at the front of the church at 9am and a procession. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. From 11.15am to 3.00pm there will be festivities in the parish grounds. There will be no evening Mass on this day. All welcome.

LADIES ONLY MOVIE NIGHT

The St George network of Family Educators, invite all women in our community to a private screening of "Love Again" to be held on Tuesday, 16th May at Beverly Hills Cinema at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$12 which includes the movie, a drink and a snack. Please book and pay via the QR Code here **before this Wednesday 10th May**. **This is an over 18's movie.**



"Let all that you do, be done in love". Corinthians 16:14

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral next **Saturday May 13th**, honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For further enquiries please contact us on 0403 578 994.

WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION

Sydney's annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. "Walk with Christ", is a public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney. To be held **on Sunday, 11th June** beginning with a gathering of parishes and groups and entertainment in Martin Place from 1.00pm. The procession to the Cathedral will commence at 2:30pm. The presence of the Eucharist in this joyful liturgical act invokes the benevolent spiritual blessings of Christ onto the city and all who live there. The blessing is derived from He who has been "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor ... to proclaim freedom for prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." It is in this way that the Walk with Christ is part of the spiritual and civic life of the city and Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our public support for our Catholic faith as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our city's streets.

ASCENSION DAY RETREAT

Come to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on **Sunday 21 May** from 10am-3pm. The day will feature Mass, presentations and Christian Meditation. Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch. Masks are optional, recommended social distancing and vaccination for one's own personal protection.

Enquiries: Ann Bergman; anniebergman@hotmail.com
Ann Lomas; atlomas@bigpond.com / 9653 2637
Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house
Enquiries : Fr Michael Kelly – 0455 329 607
Email: mkelly@silvestrini.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.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

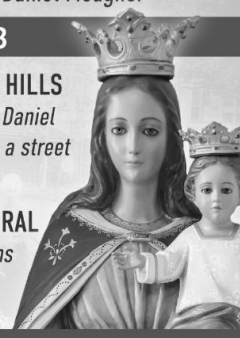
- Vaping crackdown welcomed by Catholic agencies and parents
- Four hundred and fifty men take to the streets for St Joseph's Camino
- The Christian meaning of King Charles' coronation service
- New baptism resource brings the sacrament alive
- Fr Dan McCaughan: bring back the family rosary
- Fatima procession and Corpus Christi doco show power of walking together.

PROCESSION FOR THE FEAST OF
MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA
Peace through Prayer with Bishop Daniel Meagher

SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023

10AM MASS AT ST PETER'S SURRY HILLS
Followed by Pilgrims Blessing by Bishop Daniel Meagher. Then join us as he leads us on a street procession to St Mary's Cathedral

12PM MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
Mass in Honour of Mary Help of Christians



CONDUCTED BY THE SERVANTS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS,
AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA AND FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Diego Festa

ANNIVERSARIES: Pamela Burns, Sr Joan Keating RSJ, Andrej Bauk, Andrew Pike, Vincenzo Colantuono, Carmine Ara, Gaetana Vaccaro, Maureen Cook, Allan Latham, Catalina Tarongoy, Diego Festa, Antonia Festa.

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
"Help one another and bear with one another as God does with each of us." (7.12.1899)

