



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)  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C - 3 & 4 MAY 2025



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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>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am (Italian) 10.30am	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		12.00pm (First Sunday only Urdu) 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)	5.00pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	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)
<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.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Acts 5:27-32, 40-41</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Rev 5:11-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 21:1-9</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM CD 29:2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.  
R/



Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with the dawn.  
R/

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R/



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.  
Alleluia!

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

This weekend 3 & 4 May across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the final appeal for the current financial year (and the first of three appeals for this calendar year) will be held to assist the Archbishop in funding some of the special works of the Archdiocese. Some of these works include chaplaincies to gaols, universities and the deaf community, ministry to the aboriginal community, those preparing for marriage, CatholicCare, the training of priests and the work of catechists in state schools. You will notice the envelopes on the church pews for this appeal. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible (please ensure you complete ALL the information required for a tax-deductible receipt). You may care to take an envelope home with you and return it next weekend. Many thanks for your ongoing practical support of these important works.



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Tickets are available this weekend and the next three weekends for our annual raffle, to support the work of Gabbies. There are four beautiful prizes, two patch-work quilts and two crocheted rugs. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible.



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

### PARKING AT ARNCLIFFE THIS WEEKEND

There will be **NO ONSITE PARKING** at St Francis Xavier's Church for Masses this weekend. We do hope the works will be completed before next weekend but this will depend on weather. Scaffolding has been erected in the laneway behind the church to do necessary repairs to the sanctuary of the church. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause. You are most welcome to

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION

Walk with Our Lady of Fatima in a candle-lit procession around St Mary's Cathedral as we pray for the needs of the Church and our world. To be held **next Saturday, 10 May**, commencing with 6pm Vigil Mass in the Cathedral, followed by procession. For more information, visit: <https://sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession>

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System for the coming New Financial Year 2025-2026, are asked to contact the Parish Office via email: [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) and give some details. **There is a 30% Tax Deduction incentive** available if you are a wage earner and lodge a Tax Return at the end of each financial year. This is a positive way of supporting our parishes. Please consider our appeal.

If there are any recently retired parishioners who currently donate through the envelopes but who may want to change to a 'non-tax receipt' category, they are asked to please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

All new enquiries are welcome. 😊

### 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

- Requiescat in Pace Pope Francis
- Remembering Pope Francis: A guiding light for Sydney's marginalised
- Conclave to elect the next pope will begin 7 May
- The Christian heroism of Anzac Day
- 75 years of loving for Malabar couple
- Seven Churches pilgrimage grows in its second year
- The Collegian: Celebrating our schools' Family Educators

### 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.

### COVID REMINDER

Covid-19 is still with us in various new forms. It reminds us of a few things: the importance of hygiene; the need to care for one another; and has taught us the value of using face masks even if to stop spreading infections like the common cold or influenza. For more information refer <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/>

### FINDING SOLACE AND SUPPORT WITH HEARTFELT

In times of grief, finding a compassionate and understanding community can make all the difference. Heartfelt is based on Catholic teachings and offers online gatherings, support groups, and events, accessible to anyone navigating their grief journey. For more information, visit <https://heartfelt.community>

### 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:** Pope Francis, Fr David Coffey, Fr Michael Fallon msc, Eduard Vajdik, Michael Shields, Patrick McStay, Jack Lalor, Maria Maglione and Slavko Blazevic.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr Joan Keating RSJ, Pamela Burns, Maxim Gunner, Nuala Ventura, Basil Kohary, Andrej Bauk, Andrew Pike, Vincenzo Colantuono, Carmine Ara, Gaetana Vaccaro, Maria Cehic, Maureen Cook, Jose Roda, Allan Latham, Milka Slavin and Margherita Sorbello,

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 WACKILLOPS QUOTE

"Are not God's ways wonderful with us all." (18.09.1873)



# Little Joey's Playgroup

\*For parishioners, future students and younger siblings of St Joseph's school students.

\*In the Church Hall, every second Friday during the school term from 9.15am-10.30am.

\*Gold coin donation for morning tea.



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