



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)

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 29 & 30 APRIL 2023



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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
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 2.14, 36-41</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Pet 2.20-25</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 10.1-10</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22.1-6

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

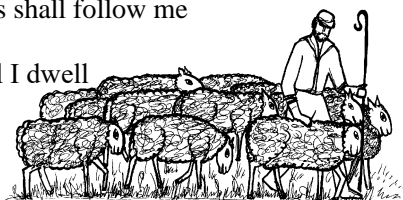
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *R/*

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. *R/*

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *R/*

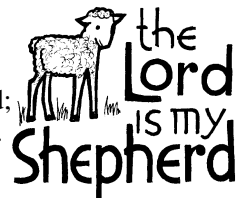
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Tickets for the yearly raffle are currently available at St Gabriel's. This year there will be four prizes.

- 2 X Double Bed Patchwork Quilt
- 1 Single Bed Patchwork Quilt
- 1 Single Crochet Rug.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

Looking for your continued support with appreciation. ☺

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 and in the tennis court on Parker St, Rockdale.

FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass for the late Pasquale Mazzeo will be held in St Joseph's Church at 11am this coming Thursday, 4th May. Please keep his family in your prayers at this sad time.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

Next weekend 6/7 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 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.



COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!

St Gabriel's Playgroup warmly invites all parents / carers with children aged 0-5 to join us for our playgroup on Fridays 9.30-11.00am in the Bexley Parish Hall. Our first Playgroup will be on 5th May and will run during the school terms throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you there! For any enquiries, please contact Rebecca via email rebecca.forwood@syd.catholic.edu.au

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 on **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.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER GARDENING

Mary MacKillop Place, situated in North Sydney, and accessible by public transport, is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer gardeners. Are you someone who enjoys being surrounded by nature's beauty while spending time outdoors? Mary MacKillop Place is a welcoming sacred space, a unique oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our extensive and stunning gardens are an essential part of this peaceful spiritual haven. We are currently seeking volunteers to help us maintain these beautiful gardens. No prior gardening experience is necessary, and all the training, supplies and support you need, will be provided. If you are someone who would welcome the opportunity to garden be it for couple of hours, a day or two a week or fortnight we need you! Please contact Sr Annie Bond Ministry and Mission Manager or email annie.bond@mmp.org.au

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.

MISSION: CHANGE THEIR LIVES... AND YOURS

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also read news from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know. Phone: 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or visit our website: www.palms.org.au

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- A Cross fit for a King
- Podcast of faith for students
- Father Bob, a beloved larrikin
- Gifts that renew parishes
- Remembering Anzac
- Why I became Catholic

CALIX: CATHOLICS MAINTAINING TOTAL ABSTINENCE USING THE 12-STEPS.

Are you or a friend, working a 12-step program? The Calix Society is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for: total abstinence, spiritual development, and sanctification of the whole personality. Provide your number to calixsydney@outlook.com for a confidential return phone call. Website: <https://www.calixsociety.org> *'We are substituting the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies'*

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: Pasquale Mazzeo and Marion Morris.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Wilmott, Margaret Devi, Gertrude Chan, John Drake, Maria Cehic, Jose Roda, John Tanti, Milka Slavin, Dawn Gaudron, Tommaso Rizzo, John Foley, Elia, Grace, George, Les & Jean Spiteri and Anastazija Matijasevic.

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

"Love charity more than ever." 7.12.1899

