

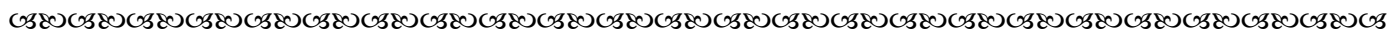
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(Looking after the Churches of St Gabriel's, Bexley, St Joseph's, Rockdale, and St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe)

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 30 SEPTEMBER & 1 OCTOBER 2023

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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	5.00pm
		6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	
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	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Ezek 18:25-28</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 2:1-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 21:28-32</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps. 24: 4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. *R/*



Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. *R/*

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

HAPPY FEAST DAY

A "Happy Feast Day" greeting is extended to all parishioners from Bexley for the Feast of the Archangels, on Friday, 29th September. May the Angel Gabriel guide and protect you all.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This weekend, there will be a **third collection after Holy Communion** at all Masses to support the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. There are envelopes on the pews, and we ask that you take one home and return it next weekend. If you require a tax-deduction, please tick the box and fill in all the required information, **especially the amount** you are giving.

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. The work of the Salesian Sisters desire to see better outcomes for their community. You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue. This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

FATHER YACUB ON LEAVE

Fr Yacub is overseas on leave until late October. Please keep him in your prayers he travels to Scotland, Jordan and The Holy Land with a short visit home to Pakistan before he comes home.

Each Sunday morning, there will be a visiting priest at the 9am Mass at Bexley or Arncliffe. Please make our visitors welcome. ☺

REQUIEM MASS

A Requiem Mass for the late Patrick (Michael) O'Connell will be held this coming **Thursday, 5th October** at 11am in St Francis Xavier's Church. Please keep his family in your prayers at this sad time.

FEAST DAY MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY - Wednesday, 1st November

9.00am Arncliffe
9.00am Rockdale
10.00am Bexley

ALL SOULS DAY - Thursday, 2nd November

8.00am Marist Chapel
9.00am Arncliffe
9.00am Rockdale
10.00am Rockdale (Italian)
10.00am Bexley (**Please note change of time**)
7.00pm Rockdale

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are now available at our churches. Please endeavour to have your Mass Offering for November in the collection plates by **Sunday, 29th October**. This will enable your loved ones to be prayed for during the whole month of November.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.mmrc.org.au

Have you visited our parish website yet? The website combines the Mary MacKillop Rockdale City (Arncliffe and Rockdale) and St Gabriel's Bexley. The Parish Bulletin is uploaded each week if you can't get to Mass. You can make secure online payments and donations through the "Support the Parish" page or contact the Parish Office through the "Contact Us" page to make enquiries, Mass offerings or to volunteer your time in any of our Parish ministries.

7 CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

The Emmanuel Community invites parishioners and families to the "7-Churches Pilgrimage" on **Saturday, October 14**. Join pilgrims as they walk to significant church sites in Sydney and reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Starting at 9:00am at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney and finishing at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick. Please register to receive more information and updates: <https://forms.gle/3bAFMmpyXmm3muN27>



LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

All families are invited to come to **10:30 Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 22 October**, with an opportunity for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families. Join us after Mass at the Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate. RSVP by no later than **6 October** at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>

VIRTUOUS MAN: MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a Silent Retreat for Men from **20-22 October** at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>

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

- Maronite Patriarch's visit turns stadium into cathedral for Golden Jubilee
- Australian Catholic Bishops Conference says Voice referendum is moral, not just political
- Warren Mundine on the Voice: Reconciliation needs apology and forgiveness
- Sydney Harbour North parishes join forces for the future
- Simcha Fisher: Why Christ, and not Zeus?
- George Weigel: India, not China, is the one to watch

YOU ARE NOT ALONE RETREAT DAY

"You are not alone" is a retreat day for couples who are struggling or have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or stillbirth. The day will be held next **Saturday, 7th October** at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa and will include meals, talks, prayer, reflection, and sharing. The Emmanuel Community will facilitate the retreat with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited. Couples should RSVP by the 2nd of October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CKWXP>

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still 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.

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: Michael O'Connell, Elvis Vaz, Neil Scott and Margaret Owen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Trish Coleman, Alma Alewood, Lucrezia Farrugia and Kanchan & Moti Rozario.

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

"More than ever should we be humble and patient, charitable and forgiving." 4.11.1884



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