

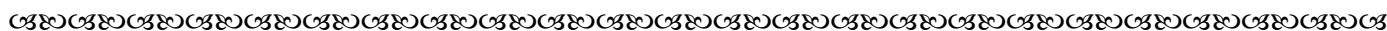
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 12 & 13 OCTOBER 2024

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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
WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am 12.00pm (<i>First Sunday only Urdu</i>) 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	----- 9.00am 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: Wis 7:7-11 ; 2 nd Reading: Heb 4:12-13 ; Gospel: Mk 10:17-30			

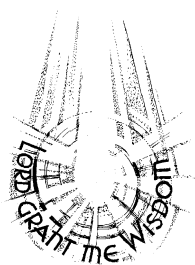
RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 89:12-17

Fill us with your love O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. *R/*

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. *R/*

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

This weekend at St Joseph's we welcome Lewis & Harrison Jiang and Leon Yen. At St Gabriel's we welcome Lucas Disibio. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend. Your ongoing prayerful and practical support is very much appreciated. Donations are still being received, please place your offering in one of the special envelopes and place it in a collection plate at Mass. Final donations will be accepted next weekend.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited in St Joseph's Church **each evening at 6.00pm** until October 31. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED TO HELP OUT

We have been recently asked to assist at Fairmont Nursing Home in Dunmore St, Bexley. Recently a couple of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers have left or retired and those who are assisting, are being asked to give more of their time. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758 if you have an hour or two to spare.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course may commence soon if any parishioners have family or friends who have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Faith. Please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 (9am – 1pm Monday to Friday) or email admin@mmrc.org.au and give their contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age.

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

The annual “Life, Marriage and Family Sunday”, was established in response to the World Meeting of Families held in 2018, emphasising the universal call to celebrate and support family life. The Life, Marriage and Family Sunday event will be held again at St Mary’s Cathedral on **Sunday, October 20**, starting with Mass at 10:30 am. Married couples from Sydney parishes celebrating significant wedding anniversaries – 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50+ years can receive a certificate from Bishop Richard Umbers at the gathering at the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

OF LIFE AND LOVE - MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The ‘Of Life and Love’ Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer. Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course. This will be held on 16 - 17 November (no overnight stay) at St Thomas of Canterbury, Lewisham. More information and registration at www.trybooking.com/CMGTS

‘WRITINGS OF ST JOHN PAUL II ON GENDER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY’ IMMERSION COURSE

Are you looking for a message of hope and healing in a time of confusion? In partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the Theology of the Body Institute, the Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to announce once again that we will be hosting another not-to-be-missed 5-day immersion course experience: ‘The Writings of John Paul II on Gender, Marriage and Family’ is now open for registrations!

At a time of great concern and confusion over the dignity of the creation of male and female, the sacred union of husband and wife, and the life-giving beauty of family, the Lord calls us to witness the Gospel now more than ever. If you are interested in learning more about TOB or feel you need to hear this transformative message, we strongly encourage you to register for this upcoming course in January 2025.

The course will be held at the beautiful Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, from **Sunday, 19 January to Friday, 24 January**. To register and learn more about the course, please visit: tobi.sydneycatholic.org For further questions, contact Simon Yeak on 0427 536 356 or email simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- New Cardinal-Elect Mykola Bychok: ‘God, and the pope, work in mysterious ways’
- Chinese-language Alpha series a revolution in evangelisation
- Airforce officer who flew Pope Francis in Asia

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.

TURNING YOUR SCARS INTO STARS

The Jesus Light of the World Communities at St Joseph’s are having a Day Retreat and Healing Mass on **Saturday, 26 October** from 9:30 am – 5:30pm in St Joseph’s Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale (Parking Entry at Parker St.). The Keynote Speaker is Marina George and Fr John Iacono will be the Presider. **Booking Essential.** Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided. Enquiries: Helen - 0433455114 or Esperance - 0407749182

CATHOLICCARE - ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE

Invest in the most important partnership of your life! CatholicCare Sydney offers marriage education and relationship enrichment for couples, paving the way for a happy future. Professional educators apply proven methods to deepen the connection between couples already in a marriage AND for those preparing for a sacramental marriage. Courses are online or available in-person. Reach out to the friendly team at CatholicCare Sydney for more information. Call 13 18 19 or visit Catholiccare.org

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many of our parishioners, especially the elderly.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell, 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.

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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dorothy Molachino and Remo Di Matteo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Francesco Zirilli, Giovanni Sias, Franjo Srnc, Rita Caforio, Rita Barbaresco, Rosa Garcia, Darcy & Joan Keaney, Mary Pearce, Jabbour and Jennifer Azizi.

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

“I am sorry sometimes to see a kind of little-mindedness where there ought to be more generosity and simple trust.” 3.3.1882

