

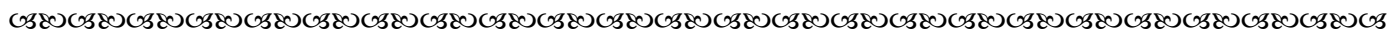
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 24 & 25 JUNE 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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> )	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		10.30am 6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	5.00pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday ( <i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 5.30pm</i> ) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday ( <i>Benediction at 8.45am</i> )
<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>Jer 20:10-13</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Rom 5:12-15</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 10:26-33</i>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 68:8-10.14.17.33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. *R/*



This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me,  
O God, with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. *R/*

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. *R/*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness  
to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!



### FUNERALS

- A Requiem Mass for the late Adelina Macinante will be held this coming **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June** in St Joseph's Church at 10.30am.
- A Requiem Mass for the late Alice Farrell will be held this coming **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June** in St Gabriel's Church at 1.30pm.

Please keep both these long-time parishioners of their respective parishes in your prayers at this sad time.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend at special Masses.

Many thanks are extended to the Sacramental Co-ordinator, catechists and teachers who have prepared the children for the Sacrament. Also, to the musicians, singers and others who prepared the liturgies and the churches. Thanks also to the Parish staff and the staff of our parish schools who have backed up the Parish team.

We give special thanks and are most grateful to, the staff at St Francis Xavier's school, who have prepared the children there this year due to the lack of a Catechist to take the classes.



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

**FATHER YACUB'S BIRTHDAY DINNER  
– CHANGE OF DATE!!**

Father has changed the date for his birthday celebration to **SATURDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm** following the 6.30pm Mass at St Joseph's. If you have replied that you would attend on the Friday night and now cannot make it, please contact the parish office to cancel your booking.

To assist us with the event preparations, we kindly request that you provide your full name and indicate the number of people attending with you by completing the RSVP form **no later than Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**. The RSVP Entry Pass slip will be available at the entrance of the church. Please tear off the designated portion of the entry pass only and bring it with you on the day of the event, as it will serve as your entry pass.

We regret to inform you that no entry will be permitted without a valid entry pass slip, as it is necessary for catering purposes. Please DO NOT contact the parish office to book your attendance.

**Father has requested NO gifts**, but if you are able, a generous contribution towards helping the Pakistani children would be greatly appreciated. Fr Yacub is looking forward to celebrating his special occasion with us all. 😊

**HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)**

The 29<sup>th</sup> of June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. It has long been customary on the Sunday closest to this great Feast Day, to give people the opportunity to support the work of the Holy Father. Therefore, **next weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2 July**, there will be a third collection following all the Masses. All the monies collected from across the Archdiocese will be forwarded directly to the Holy See via the Archdiocesan Chancery. The monies will enable Pope Francis to support his charitable and pastoral ministries throughout the world.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2023/24 Financial Year **are now available** from the church you have nominated. **N.B. This weekend, June 24 & 25 June, is the last weekend** for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes. Any donations received via the collections after today will go into the next financial year. This includes on-line giving also.

**THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- Catholic Cemeteries CEO Peter O'Meara laid to rest after life of service
- Sydney's trending saints: 2023's popular confirmation names revealed
- Hunter Valley bush crash: Bishop Kennedy on the community's response

**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.

**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.

**HOW THE PARISH USES YOUR DONATIONS – DID YOU KNOW?**

**First Collection**

Supports all Priests in the Sydney Archdiocese

Easter, Christmas, wedding and baptism offerings are all added to the first collection. This is passed on to the Archdiocese.

**Second Collection**

Supports All Other Parish Expenses

Your donations through the planned giving envelopes, all cash placed on the plate, and the tap-and-go machines make up the second collection. This money is used in our parish to cover ALL parish expenses and to support pastoral activities. Expenses include administration, insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, and the repair and maintenance of all parish buildings.

Parish expenses include insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, the repair and maintenance of all buildings (churches, halls, presbyteries, convent and office), etc. Note that the parishes must operate within its own income and cannot draw money for expenses from any source other than parish income.

In addition, any shortfall in the yearly target set by the Archdiocese for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has to be covered by this collection. As our parishes do not meet the CWF target, funds are directed to the shortfall each year.

**Special Collections**

The Parish does not retain any money from these collections. These include Charitable Works Fund Appeals, Holy Father's Collection, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and Caritas/Project Compassion.

**Thank You for your parish support**

Your ongoing generosity and support of the parishes is gratefully acknowledged. Everyone's circumstances are different; therefore, please know that you are not expected to give any more than is reasonable.

**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:** Alice Farrell, Adelina Macinante, Bill Mooney and Maria Kicic.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen Stodart, Vonnie Flower, Maureen Weeks, Domenico Giannini, Charles Purrone & Delfin Espolon, Tony & Yasmine Bazouni and Robert (Bob) Neilson.

**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**

"Empty self-interest can mar God's designs upon the world through us." (14.12.1873)

