parishes of ST Gabriel's, Bexley and ST Mary Mackillop's, Rockoale CITY

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

24^{Ch} SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 16 & 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

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	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am (Italian) 10.30am 6.00pm (Third Sunday only Filipino)	9.00am 5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	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)
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 1st Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month .558 during office hours.
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Sirach 27:30-28:7</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Rom 14:7-9</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 18:21-35</i>			

Howmany times hall I forgive

RESPONSORIAL DSALCO - Ds. 102:1-4.9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R/

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *R*/

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. R_{\checkmark}

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. R/



GOSPEL ACCLACOATION Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you Alleluia!

FATHER YACUB ON LEAVE

This coming week, Fr Yacub will be going overseas on leave until late October. This is his first leave in over four years so it is long overdue. We wish him safe travels as he journeys to Scotland, Jordan and The Holy Land with a short visit home to Pakistan before the end of his holidays. Please keep him in your prayers as he doesn't enjoy flying. Father will be celebrating Masses everyday where possible and will keep us all in his daily prayers.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Allegra Buffolin and Hayden Husband at St Gabriel's. Welcome also to their families and friends who join them on their special occasion.



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

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

This weekend 16/17 September at all the Masses we will be having a guest speaker from the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters of the Poor are an international Congregation founded in France in 1839 by St Jeanne Jugan. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. They have a home for the elderly in Randwick where they have been caring for them with very limited resources for over 132 years. Many of their residents are our retired priests. The Sisters rely on Providence and the generosity of friends and benefactors to help them to provide extra comforts for their Residents and to maintain the ongoing improvements of their Home. At the moment, they are

Following the Masses on this weekend, the Sisters will be outside the church doors to enable parishioners to give a donation to assist the Sisters in their care of the elderly. Please bring a few extra \$\$ and help boost their funds. ©

upgrading their fire system, which is a requirement, and so are in need of extra funds. They appreciate very much

your anticipated support to their mission.

PADRE PIO NOVENA

Parishioners are invited to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in Glenmore Park Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

Three Day Triduum:

Thursday 21 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Friday 22 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Saturday 23 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 5.30pm.

Feast Day Mass:

Sunday 24 September: Feast Day of St Padre Pio, 10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Feast Day Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities.

For any enquiries, please contact the Glenmore Park office on 4789 2232.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

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

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/

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Two more men accept the challenge of priesthood
- Calvary inquiry recommends no ACT investigation into hospital sale
- Archbishop's Awards recognise student excellence
- Women's ministry with Helena Roumanus
- Monica Doumit: Synod media blackout will have opposite effect

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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS MOROCCO/LIBYA

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devasting earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

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.

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 on the **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

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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Annette Dubois, Rino Bergamo, Danilo Dumances Ayco and Marcelle Shalhoub,

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 coary coackillop's quote

"I am full of hope in God who has been so good to us all." 28.11.1898