

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)

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 1 & 2 OCTOBER 2022

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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 Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am 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: <i>Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 17:5-10</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 94:1-2.6-9

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *R/*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people
who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *R/*

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *R/*



BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Zahra Gudas and Sebastiano Thompson who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this very special occasion.



FR YACUB ON LEAVE

Fr Yacub will be on leave during the month of October. We wish him a safe trip home to Pakistan and hope he enjoys time with family and friends. This is a long overdue and much needed break for Fr Yacub.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** from Saturday, 1st to Monday, 31st October in St Joseph's Church, including weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



SCHOOL OF ROCK, THE MUSICAL

Parishioners are invited to come along and support local school students who are participating in School of Rock, The Musical to be held at Qudos Bank Arena on **11th and 12th October**. This is a Sydney Catholic Schools presentation, and the children are from schools across the Archdiocese, including some of our local children, both high school and primary school. This is a family show and tickets are available through Ticketek.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, 8 and 9 October, 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 INFORMATION AND FORMATION EVENING

This event is for any **young adults (18+)** who are interested in attending WYD23 in Lisbon, Portugal. Priests are also invited and encouraged to attend this event. You may even consider attending as a parish group. The event will consist of opportunities for social time and for prospective pilgrims to get to know each other, updated information about WYD, testimonies, catechesis (which will be given by international guest speaker – Deacon Harold Burke Sivers) and some live music entertainment. There will also be info stalls for those who have particular questions about WYD. Please see event details here.

Date: **Wednesday 12 October** at Canterbury Leagues Club, 26 Bridge Rd, Belmore from 6:30-9:30pm.

Food: Complimentary finger food will be served. Drinks can also be purchased at the bar. **Cost: FREE**

Registration: **Those wishing to attend must register by next Thursday 6 October using this form** - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemBz4VVsdlgUv_wxOWaHF1bG9poB_CbNGMV-voBxYhkQXy-13g/viewform If you can't access this link, please email the parish office and it will be emailed back to you.

ANNUAL MASS AND BLESSING OF THE SICK

The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to extend an invitation for the parishioners to come and join in the Celebration of the Mass & Blessing of the Sick **next Sunday 9th October**. This will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, rear of St James Avenue Earlwood. Proceedings will commence with the recitation of the Rosary at 2.30pm & followed by the Mass & Blessing of the Sick at 3pm. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Danny Meagher. **All welcome.**

ABORIGINAL CATHOLICS AND RECONCILIATION

Presented by the Justice and Peace Office, Archdiocese of Sydney, an Address will be given by 2021 Senior Australian of the Year, artist and educator Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann next **Friday 7 October** from 5:30-7:30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral School Hall. Dr Miriam is one of the people chosen to represent Australia at Queen Elizabeth's funeral this coming week. To register and obtain tickets at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-catholics-and-reconciliation-tickets-409446334007>

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are highly recommended in churches.**
- When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable more distancing between others who are in the line. Please wait until there is space and distance before joining the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

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.

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2023 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

FEMININE GENIUS

A retreat for Catholic women, aged 18-35, single or married is offered over a weekend of prayer, talks, silence and fellowship. The retreat begins at 5pm on **Friday 14th and concludes at 1pm on Sunday 16th October** at the Mount Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Accommodation and meals included in the retreat fee. (Single room: \$340.00; Shared room: \$250.00; please speak to the sisters if financial assistance is needed) Register by emailing the Sisters at: sydney@op-tn.org

WALKING WITH WISDOM

This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, **6-27 October 2022**, 10am-12.30pm. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne,

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Pray for Cardinal Zen
- Trail of Blessings
- Boost for Palliative Care research
- Men from around the world recite the Rosary

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

MAX2022 is a National Catholic Gathering of men which is a collaboration between menALIVE and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation. To be held in Sydney at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale **next weekend from 7 – 9 October**. The theme this year is—RENEW / REFRESH / RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gathering, to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be, better husbands, fathers, and men of God. Men from all over Australia will join us and there will be nothing this year in Australia like it! Online registrations open now: <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gabor Weiner and Jeanette McGloin.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alma Alewood, Lucrezia Farrugia and Raymond Babington.

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 can only beg of you to be faithful and to help all under your care to the best of your power." 1877

