

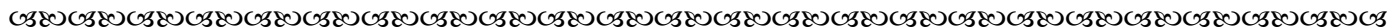
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 26 & 27 OCTOBER 2024

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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 Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am (Italian 10.30am 12.00pm (First Sunday only Urdu) 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 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: Jer 31:7-9; 2 nd Reading: Heb 5:1-6; Gospel: Mk 10:46-52			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 125

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.



When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *R/*

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. *R/*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *R/*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back,
full of song, carrying their sheaves. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

ALL SAINTS DAY – Friday, 1st November

9.00am Arncliffe 9.00am Rockdale
10.30am Bexley

ALL SOULS DAY – Saturday, 2nd November

(All Masses today are our regular Saturday Mass times)

9.00am Bexley
5.00pm Arncliffe
6.30pm Rockdale

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

The final Appeal for 2023 will be held **next weekend, 2 & 3 November** with a third collection after Holy Communion. Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If the quota is not met, then the amount is taken from parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided.



FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 3rd November, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a Family Mass for those children and families who attend St Joseph's Primary and the local public schools. A morning tea will be held after Mass. All welcome. ☺

ROSARY IN OCTOBER


 The Rosary will be recited in St Joseph's Church **each evening this week at 6.00pm** until Thursday night.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One of the Church's age-old customs is to pray for all deceased during the month of November. Naturally we remember our own loved ones, but as an act of charity we especially pray for those for whom there is no-one alive to remember them.

November Mass Envelopes are available in each of our Churches if you would like to have Mass offered for the Holy Souls. Please place your offering on one of the collection plates as soon as possible. Mass Stipend for November Mass is minimum of \$20. Please place your envelopes in the collection plates. All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls, rather than for individual requests.

BAPTISM

 This weekend we welcomed Stella Cintra with her family and friends when she was baptised at St Francis Xavier's on Saturday.

FIRST MONDAY HEALING MASS

For several years now, on the first Monday of each month, the 9.00am morning Mass at St Gabriel's Bexley has been a Healing Mass. The next Mass will be on **Monday, 4th November.**

SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2024 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

On Friday 15 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2024>

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

As we enter the summer season, we kindly remind everyone to dress modestly when attending church. Modesty helps create a respectful and reverent atmosphere that honours our shared space for worship. Please avoid clothing that is too short or revealing, such as low-cut tops, shorts, or skirts more suited for the gym or beach. Additionally, we ask that men please remove their hats before entering the church. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED TO HELP OUT

We are still looking for some more assistance in our local aged care facilities. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758 if you have an hour or two to spare.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Celebrating more than 1,000 years of marriage
- A Brush with Faith - Our Holy Family: A model for all
- The Christmas Shop that's a local landmark
- Under the Collar - Our Metallica loving priest
- A cut above - Faith in your barber
- Carols at the Cathedral return

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

Please keep in your prayers the students from our parishes who are doing their HSC exams. We wish them good luck with their results as they end their formal school years.

SYDNEY TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN 2028

At the recent 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, we heard the announcement that the Church of Sydney had been hoping for: that we will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, 100 years since Sydney last hosted this great event and twenty years since it hosted World Youth Day.

To find out more about IEC 2028, and join our mailing list to receive future updates, visit <http://iec2028.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.

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: Fr Ken Sargent, Elizabeth Thurston, Ron Grasso, Patrick Byrne, Bess Vogel, Stephen Whelan, Francesca Garufi, Caterina Messina, Howard James, Carmeno, Maria & Stefano Barbaro, Yesmine & Tony Bazouni and Marco Da Silva.

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

"God's will be done." 10.11.1898



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