

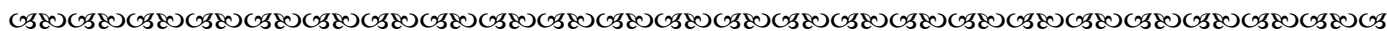
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A - 3 & 4 JUNE 2023

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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   |
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| <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<br>6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )  | 5.00pm   |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>  | 9.00am Wednesday<br>9.00am Friday  | 7.00pm Tuesday ( <i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 5.30pm</i> )<br>9.00am Thursday | 9.00am Monday<br>9.30am Thursday<br>9.00am Saturday ( <i>Benediction at 8.45am</i> ) |
| <b>CONFESSIONS</b>   | 4.00 – 4.30pm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month   | 5.30 – 6.00pm<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month                                 | 8.00 – 8.40am Saturday   |
| <b>BAPTISMS</b>  | 10.00am<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month<br>Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours. | 11.30am<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month   | 10.00am<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month                                       |
| <b>WEDDINGS</b>  | Monday to Saturday by appointment.   |  |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Acts 2:1-11</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 20:19-23</i> |  |  |  |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Daniel 3:52-56**

**Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. *R/*

Blest your glorious holy name. *R/*

You are blest in the temple of your glory. *R/*

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. *R/*

You are blest who gaze into the depths. *R/*

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia!**



**FUNERALS THIS WEEK**

- A Requiem Mass for the late Concetta Ara will be held at St Francis Xavier's this coming Tuesday, 6 June at 10.00am.
- A Requiem Mass for the late Marie-May (Nancy) Fabian will be held at St Gabriel's this coming Friday, 9 June at 10.30am.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

**FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY AT ST GABRIEL'S**

Please welcome the families from St Gabriel's Primary school at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday.

**BAPTISMS**

This Sunday we welcome Zara Anderson into the Catholic community at St Gabriel's during the 9am Mass. We also welcome Isaiah & Elijah Yip at St Francis Xavier's. Welcome also to their families and friends who join them for these special occasions.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parishes who are commencing their lessons in preparation to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in next month.



**FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS**

Each of our three churches have Piety Stalls with appropriate gifts for children who will receive their First Holy Communion. Please support our parishes by giving a Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

**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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is currently conducting its annual Winter Appeal. During these colder months of the year, many struggle with homelessness, health issues or rising energy costs. **Next Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June** there will be third collection at all Masses to help those in need by contributing to the Appeal. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible, but please make sure all the details are written on the envelope, not just your name. Envelopes may be found on the pews this weekend if you would like to take them home and bring back next week with your donation.



## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2023/24 Financial Year will be available from the church you have nominated in the coming weeks.

**N.B. The weekend of June 24 & 25 June will be the last weekend for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes.** Any donations received after **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** will go into the next financial year.

**If you an on-line giver**, for the Planned Giving, you asked to make your last deposit for this financial year **by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** so that the payment is cleared through the banking system before the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION REQUIRED TO HELP OUT

Did you complete the training at Rockdale last year? We urgently need your assistance to take Our Lord to Catholics in nursing homes in Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe. You will be very well supported in this vital parish ministry. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758.

## WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION

The annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament, "Walk with Christ", is a public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney. To be held **on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** beginning with a gathering of parishes and groups and entertainment in Martin Place from 1.00pm. The procession to the Cathedral will commence at 2:30pm. The presence of the Eucharist in this joyful liturgical act invokes the benevolent spiritual blessings of Christ onto the city and all who live there. The blessing is derived from He who has been "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor ... to proclaim freedom for prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." It is in this way that the Walk with Christ is part of the spiritual and civic life of the city and Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our public support for our Catholic faith as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our city's streets.

## 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.

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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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Concetta Ara, Nancy Fabian and Rex Fernandes.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jennifer Laifoo, Anne Duggan, Nunziatina Paratore, Bartolo Manfre, Angela Biviano, Antoinette Salvo, Maria Laus, Baby Isaac Bolanca, Margaret Byrne, Michael Maueri, Vittoria Masiello, Terry Hitchings, Sheila Larkin, Gary Power and Elizabeth Golding.

**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

"Happy indeed is the love of God and the true religious peace I hope will be yours." (7.12.1899)

