

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)

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - 12 & 13 MARCH 2022

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SCHOOLS: **St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Carolyn Yeats
St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Acting 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>Gen 15:5-12, 17-18</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 3:17-4:1</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 9:28-36</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 26:1.7-9.13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 before whom shall I shrink? *R/*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
 Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' *R/*

It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face.
 Dismiss not your servant in anger;
 you have been my help. *R/*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
 in the land of the living.
 Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
 Hope in the Lord! *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
 From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Stations of the Cross will be prayed in both St Francis Xavier's and St Joseph's Churches, each Friday at 7.00pm during Lent.
- Italian Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way for all future generations.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still 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 to join the queue before standing up.**
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you do not think you have Covid and just a sore throat or a simple cold which is highly indicative of the Omicron variation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep our parish children in your prayers as they learn more about God's merciful love as they commence their lessons in the First Reconciliation Program this week.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Kayden Legeny & Rylan Legeny and Kaia Mitas who will be baptised at St Joseph's on Sunday. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS

If parishioners wish to enrol their child in one of the following parish schools, please attend an Open Afternoon to get enrolment packs and find out about the school.

- Marist College Kogarah will hold an Open Afternoon on **Wednesday, 16 March** from 3.00 - 6.00pm.
- St Gabriel's Bexley will have an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 22 March** from 3.30 - 4.30pm, bookings are essential and to contact the school (9502 1932) to book in.
- St Joseph's Rockdale will have their Open Afternoon on **Wednesday, 23 March** from 3.30 - 5.0pm.
- St Francis Xavier's Open Afternoon was washed out last Tuesday and will be held on another date.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE

All parish volunteers who are Acolytes, Readers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Choir members, are required to update their status by attending a training session. Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 concerns the Safeguarding Office has decided to present all training for the first six months of 2022 either online or via zoom. The most important thing is to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our communities and we can do this by presenting via zoom or online.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> (which is a different link from the other online training registrations). Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training a minimum of three years ago.

Volunteer Refresher training is available online or via Zoom. Below are the available dates for the Zoom Refresher Training, volunteers will simply need to register their attendance by emailing: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

Date	Time
Thursday, 31 March	9.00am - 10.00am

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.

AID FOR UKRAINE

Aid to the Church in Need has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help!

Please visit www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine

LITURGY ROSTERS AT ST GABRIEL'S

If any St Gabriel's parishioners would like to be on a roster for weekend Masses as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please contact the parish office and leave your details. Hopefully we will also have a roster for Eucharistic Ministers in the near future too as we have not been able to have them participate in the Mass due to Covid.

EPETITION AGAINST EUTHANASIA LAWS IN NSW
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW. A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder. To demonstrate your opposition to the proposed laws, sign the e-petition [here](#):

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/pages/epetition-details.aspx?q=apWMtQo6WVdu1NOOVqOtYA>

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Remembering the lives of unborn children lost to the grave injustice of abortion. Held to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation, marking the day of Our Lord's conception in the womb of His Blessed Mother. On **Sunday 27 March**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. A rosary procession will follow which will make its way past the NSW Parliament House. It will conclude with Benediction at 1:30pm. For more details, visit: <https://fb.me/e/2gek7yQ8>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anna Gomes

ANNIVERSARIES: Claude Lucas, Viccie Mabbutt, Amadeo Giovenco, Judith Baker, Peg Senogles and Shirley Fletcher.

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 rest in peace.

ST MARY WACKILLOPS QUOTE

"Let us be joyful and thank God." 19.3.1874

