

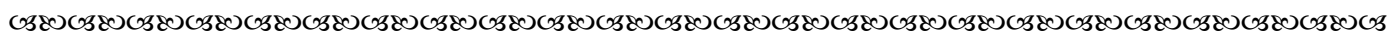
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A - 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 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
WEEKEND MASSES	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (<i>Italian</i>)	9.00am
Sunday Masses		10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	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	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1Cor 15:20-26, 28</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 25:31-46</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps. 22:1-3,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. *R/*

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. *R/*

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *R/*

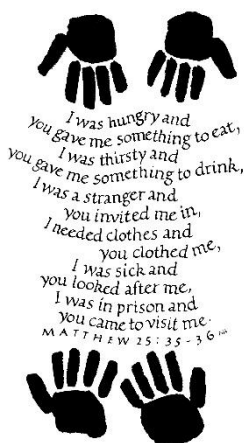
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!



MASS AND HEALING LITURGY

Please welcome Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating the 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale at this Sunday morning. Welcome also, to the UV Graduates Choir who will be singing at this Mass. A Healing Liturgy will follow the Mass.

FR YACUB'S JUBLIEE MASS

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to join in celebrating Father Yacub's 30th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. This special event will take place on **Sunday, 10th December** at the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church, followed by a sausage sizzle afterwards.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY PRINCIPAL

Ms Carolyn Yeats has been the Principal of St Joseph's Primary School for the past nine years and next year she has been appointed as Principal at St Patrick's Primary School, Kogarah. Carolyn will be very sadly missed by the staff, students, and families, past and present, and by Fr Yacub, Fr Norvin and the Parish Office staff. Carolyn has been responsible for updating many of the school's facilities in her time here. We acknowledge Carolyn's leadership and thank her for and her love and support of the children, staff and families over the past nine years.

We wish Carolyn well in her new school and for the future.



FUNERALS THIS WEEK

- A Requiem Mass for the late Margaret Bet will be held this coming **Tuesday, 28th November** in St Francis Xavier's Church at 10.30am.
- A Requiem Mass for the late Maria Bini will be held this coming **Wednesday, 29th November** in St Gabriel's Church at 11.00am.

REFLECTION EVENING

On **Friday, December 15** we will be hosting a Reflection Evening "*Christ with us*" in St Joseph's Church from 6.30 – 7.30pm with Father Emmanuel Asi. Father Asi is the Executive Secretary of the Bible Commission, Pakistan and a Biblical Theologian. If you have any enquiries, please see Father Yacub or phone him on 0426 715 463.

BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Maximillian Lee who will be baptised at St Joseph's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this special day.



VOLUNTEER HELPERS FOR ST JOSEPHS

The team of workers at St Joseph's require some assistance on a weekly basis with the following tasks.

- * flower arranging
- * cleaning the vessels (weekly)
- * cleaning the votive candle stand (weekly)

Please contact the Parish Office 9567 1558 if you can help out with this important parish work. 😊

CALVARY HOSPITAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

An invitation is extended to parishioners to attend a Remembrance Service to be held at Calvary Hospital for those who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. The service will be held **this Tuesday, 28th November** commencing at 7 pm and followed by a light supper. As the chapel is still closed, service will be in Hospital's Conference Centre, 91-111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of loved ones.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO VISIT AGED CARE HOMES

If there are any current or past Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have some spare time, the Parish needs help taking Holy Communion to the residents of local aged care facilities. Two of our volunteers are resigning at the end of this year and we only have a few volunteers to cover the numbers of Catholics in local facilities. If you are willing to have flu and Covid vaccines and Police Checks, we would love to have your assistance. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

There are only a few 2024 Columban Calendars still available. If you still want one, they are in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift. There are also religious Christmas Cards available.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND THOSE HOPING TO CONCEIVE

All expectant mothers and those hoping to conceive are warmly invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 10 December**, with an opportunity to receive a special blessing from Bishop Richard Umbers with relics of St. Gerard Majella and St. Gianna Molla. Register before 1 December for catering purposes at

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has issued a Pastoral Letter for the Sydney Archdiocese parishioners. As it is quite long, we have decided to put it on the parish website, with the bulletins. It is in PDF format so it can be printed if you wish to have a copy or simply read it online at this link.

<https://www.mmrc.org.au/parish-news>

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Come along to St Mary's Cathedral forecourt from **December 14 to 25 December** and join the festivities. Live entertainment will begin at 6.30pm. The signature light show of Christmas art will be projected onto the cathedral from 8:30pm. #ChristmasAtTheCathedral

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Archbishop's Pastoral Letter - Holiness the measure of synodality proposals
- Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan on women and the synod
- Feasting with the homeless at St Mary's
- Monsignor Mullins' life of service ends aged 99
- Brigid Meney: VAD is here, now what?
- Monica Doumit: Baby Indi's short life of hardship and grace

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. You can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

COVID REMINDER

- 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Bet and Maria Bini.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Barlow, Biagio Di Ferdinando, Anna Preziosa, Violeta Sollazzo, Marie-Claude Videau, Filomena Pezzullo, Giovanna Treffiletti & Peter Hampton.

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 will provide for the future." 1907

