

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)

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 9 & 10 JULY 2022

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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 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: <i>Deut 30:10-14</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Col 1:15-20</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 10:25-37</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 68:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. *R/*

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. *R/*

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. *R/*

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!



FUNERAL

The Funeral for the late Crocifissa Casciola will be held in St Francis Xavier's this coming Friday 15th July at 10.30am. Please keep her family in your prayers.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES / TAX RECEIPTS

There are still a few packets of Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2022/23 Financial Year to be collected from the churches. Please collect as soon as possible.

The Taxation Receipts are now available in the church you have requested. They are in alphabetical order by family name.

We would really welcome our working parishioners joining the program and giving support to YOUR parish. In recent years our support has declined dramatically, and we do need more people to join up for financial stability.

If anyone has changed their address or phone number, please notify the office so we can adjust our records.

This is particularly important if you have disconnected your old land line phone and have only a mobile phone. Any enquiries about the program are most welcome. ☺

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU

The ladies of the St Vincent de Paul Conference at Bexley wish to thank the parishioners who donated recently to the Winter Appeal. Your donations will be put to good use.

LITURGY COURSES AVAILABLE IN OUR PARISH

Following consultation with the Archdiocese our parish is please to announce that Liturgy courses will be available in September for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes and Readers. These are also available in other parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

PLEASE NOTE that these courses will now all be held in St Joseph's Hall, Parker St Rockdale.

These courses are also available for people to attend from any other parish, but priority will be given to our own parishioners first, when they are held in our area.

I request that anyone who is currently undertaking these roles attends these courses to gain the qualification via the Archdiocese, no matter how long you have been assisting in these areas in the parish.

Also, we would really love to have more Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes in our three churches. You may have noticed that the same people are doing these duties week after week. We have lost many volunteers over the past two years who have passed away, left the parish or no longer attend regular Mass. All three churches really do need some new people to step up and take some of these roles.

A limited number of participants will be accepted for each course. This means that with regard to enrolment, priority will need to be given to parishioners from the parish where the course is taking place. So, we really need to know who would like to attend by **Friday, 15th July by emailing the parish office admin@mmrc.org.au**. Next year these courses we will continue to be offered but possibly in different parishes, so if it happens that we are not able to accommodate parishioners this year, there will be more opportunities next year. The Archdiocese plan to have a schedule for 2023 ready before the end of this year. You must attend both dates for each course.

Participants must have a copy or extract of their Baptism Certificate to attend and a Working with Children Check number. Anyone planning on attending the Acolyte course, must have already completed the course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is not a parish run course as they were some years ago but one that has been run by the Sydney Archdiocese.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays 7th September AND 14th September from **6pm – 9pm at St Joseph's Rockdale**

ACOLYTES

Saturdays 10th September AND 17th September from 9am – 12 noon at **St Joseph's Rockdale**

READERS

Saturdays 29th October AND 5th November from 9am – 12 noon at **St Joseph's Rockdale**

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with the newer version of the virus in the community.
- 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 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.

BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Isla Holmes at St Joseph's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.



PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022

Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation. To be held in the St Mary's Cathedral Precinct from Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm. \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Registration essential by Sunday 14 August www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org NB: The pricing of all tickets is based on substantial subsidies by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to make this as affordable as possible.

ANNUAL SEA SUNDAY APPEAL

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There is an online Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information about its work, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org

HUMANAE VITAE MONTH

Sex, Marriage and the Catholic Church: Unpacking Church teaching on marriage and contraception. This is a four part-series starting this coming **Friday 15 July** at St Joachim's Lidcombe. Please RSVP by this Monday 11 July for the first event. More events, information and registration online at: www.trybooking.com/CAGZH

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Reflections from the 2nd Assembly of the Plenary Council
- The price is STILL only \$2.00. Copies available in our churches.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Crocifissa Casciola and Chris Kelly.

ANNIVERSARIES: Benedict Barkat, Carmen Abela, Mario Mercia, Cesarina Tardelli, Stephen Secheney, Angiolina De Chiara, Elisabetta De Giovanni, Catherine Asplet, Paul Girardi, Noreen Clifford, Mario Sancandi, Annette Gallagher, Angela Gharami, Nell Leary, Jabbour Azizi & Jennifer Azizi.

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 WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Let not weakness make you discouraged." 4.7.1876S

