

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)

5th SUNDAY OF LENT - 2 & 3 APRIL 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>Is 43:16-21</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 3:8-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 8:1-11</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – 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



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Shaniella, 23 grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. 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.



FIRST RECONCILIATION 2022

The parish children will be making their First Reconciliation during this coming week. May they find forgiveness through their Reconciliation.



RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with a new 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 do not think you have Covid and just a sore throat or a simple cold which is highly indicative of the Omicron virus.

MARIST COLLEGE KOGARAH MASS

Once a term during the school year, the students from Marist College Kogarah will be celebrating a Mass at St Joseph's Rockdale. The first Mass will be this **Sunday, 3rd April** at 10.30am. To mark this special occasion, Bishop Richard Umbers will be the celebrant with Fr Yacub. Please make him welcome to our parish.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Hazel Hoang, Kayden Legeny and Margaret Ziebert who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

If there are any adults in our parishes who have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith, a series of instruction via ZOOM is being offered prior to the Confirmation of Adults in **St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 5th June**.

The first Zoom lesson will be on **Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm**. There are 4 lessons that must be attended. Please email the Parish Office by 13th April 2022 if you or a family member is interested.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE

All parish volunteers who are Acolytes, Readers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Sacramental team members 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/XuQFRsvq3BYtXqT9> (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

*For those parishioners who do not have access to a computer and or zoom, a Safeguarding update session is being offered **this Wednesday April 6 from 4pm - 5pm** in the parish hall at St Gabriel's Bexley. Please arrive 15 minutes before time.*

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 24th April at St Joseph's Church from 2:00pm.

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.

MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Mass will be celebrated before the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's Church, each Friday at 7.00pm during Lent. Stations of the Cross will follow Mass.
- Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier's at 7pm each Friday.
- Italian Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES

Please note: Once the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except in an emergency situation.

First Rite (Individual) Saturday, 9th April

8.00am – 8.45am Bexley;
4.00pm – 4.30pm Arncliffe;
5.30pm – 6.00pm Rockdale

Second Rite (Communal celebration)

Tuesday, 12th April at Rockdale - 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

Italian Confessions Wednesday, 13th April for 30 minutes **before and after** the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY 14th April

7.00pm Arncliffe – Rockdale – Bexley
(St Joseph's Church will be open after the Mass till Midnight for prayer and adoration)

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April

Stations of the Cross

10.00am Arncliffe – Rockdale – Bexley

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Arncliffe – Rockdale – Bexley

HOLY SATURDAY 16th April

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe
6.30pm Rockdale

EASTER SUNDAY 17th April

9.00am Mass	Arncliffe	9.00am Mass	Bexley
9.00am Mass	Rockdale (Italian)		
10.30am Mass	Rockdale	5.00pm Mass	Bexley

RECENTLY DECEASED: Francesco Savo, Louis Ferre, and Josefina Ocampo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Batty, Fausto Rossi, Jonathan Huntley, Jill Crossley, Vittorio Lombardi, Anna Lampret, Mavis Fitzgerald, Giuseppe Baldassare, Salvatore Livolsi, Mauro Di Benedetto, Maria D'Aversa, Harry Tang, Paulo Taufa, Macario Goles, Angela Tarongoy, Nicholas de Guzman, Harikleia Stratigos and Wadiaa Sassin.

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.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Let your motto be: God alone." 1873

