



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)



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 30 APRIL / 1 MAY 2022

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 – 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>Acts 5:27-32, 40-41</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Apoc 5:11-14</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 21:1-9</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29:2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. *R/*



Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with the dawn. *R/*

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return any Project Compassion envelopes and boxes by next weekend. Don't forget to fill in **ALL** the details on the slip if you wish to receive a tax deduction.



NEW ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST

Please welcome Fr Norvin Dias to our twinned parishes. In addition to assisting Fr Yacub with Masses, Fr Norvin will also be attending at St George Hospital as a Chaplain. *Fr Yacub*



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL (CWF)

- Next weekend 7 & 8 May, we will have the final appeal for the current financial year (and the first of three appeals for this calendar year). You will notice the envelopes on the church pews for this appeal. You may like to take an envelope home with you this week and return it next weekend with your donation.
 - Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but **please complete ALL the information required for a tax-deductible receipt.**
 - This Collection will be a **THIRD** collection taken up after Holy Communion at all Masses.
- Many thanks for your ongoing practical support of these important works.**



BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Naliyah Janthong and Narine Janthong who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's We also welcome their family and friends who join them on this special occasion.



CONFIRMATION 2022

This information is for the parents of students currently in Years 6 or older who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The Parent Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 26th May** at 7.00pm, St Joseph's Hall in Rockdale. If your son or daughter is to receive the Sacrament this year, it is imperative that one of the parents or a carer attends this meeting. The meeting is not for the children to attend.

The Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 31st July** at 3.00pm with other parishes in the St George Deanery.

GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Gabbies Sewing Angels continue with their great work despite the Covid pandemic. During the past 12 months we have had to suspend our work in the hall from time to time. However, the production of beautiful garments and items has continued at home. We recently contributed goods to the community of St Bernadette's church at Clemton Park who organised two containers of goods to Tonga.

This week your support is needed to continue our work with a raffle of four beautiful rugs. Tickets will be on sale at the church doors at Bexley after Mass. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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 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. The last available date for the Zoom Refresher Training is **Monday, May 16 from 3.00 – 4.00pm.** Volunteers will simply need to register their attendance by emailing: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

WORLD APOSTALATE OF FATIMA The Blue Army of Our Lady

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday, May 14th** honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer, especially for this recent outbreak in Ukraine. Further enquiries please contact us on – 0403 578 994.



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.

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 virus.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Requiem Mass for the late Patricia Campanella will be held in St Joseph's Church this coming **Tuesday, 3rd May** at 10.30am. Please keep her family in your prayers.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY

Sydney Catholic Schools want to hear from local parishioners about educational options, especially in regard to the inner-city Sydney CBD. You are invited to complete a survey about educational opportunities. This survey will take 5 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain confidential. By completing the survey, you will go into a draw to win one of four \$100 grocery gift vouchers. The survey closes **this Sunday, 1 May.** Survey link: https://scs.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cqU51k2sWP5FrM

SUPPORT CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

LIFE AFTER DEATH? WHAT CAN WE KNOW?

A fascinating evening with Fr John Flader, author of "Dying to Live: Reflections on Life after Death" on Friday 6 May at Level 5, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney Please arrive at 6pm for 6:30pm start. Register online: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/msb/flader> Cost: \$5 redeemable on the purchase of the book during the evening.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Campanella.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Wilmott, John Drake, Dawn Gaudron, Jose Roda, Maria Cehic, Allan Latham, Milka Slavin, Gertrude Chan, Tommaso Rizzo, John Tanti, Herbert Adams, John Foley, Tony & John Carter, Marco Da Silva and April Baker.

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

"Entreat God to make us all that we should be." 1873

