

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)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 27 & 28 AUGUST 2022

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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 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>Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Heb 12:18-19, 22-24</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 14:1, 7-14</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 67:4-7.10-11

**God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.**



Come to the wedding!

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. *R/*

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. *R/*

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parishes
who are receiving their last lesson this Sunday, in
preparation for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist
for the first time in a few weeks.



**PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION
PASTORAL APPEAL**

Next weekend, 3rd & 4th September we will be having the annual appeal to support the Priests who are no longer working full-time. When priests move from full-time ministry they need support, so that they are not disadvantaged with respect to housing, living expenses, health care and transport, etc. In order to provide this support, we need to actively participate to the Retirement Fund, by raising funds through this annual appeal. People continually value our ministry and are keen to support, and your contributions are truly appreciated. Let us be generous as God is with us. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for supporting your brother priests, through the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Please take an envelope home this weekend and return next weekend. **There will be a special 3rd collection next weekend after Holy Communion.** Please be generous for this special appeal.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

Each of our three Church's have Piety Stalls with appropriate gifts for children who will receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Please support our parishes and give a Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Requiem Mass for the late Mary Arena will be held in St Gabriel's Church **this coming Tuesday, 30th August** at 10.30am. Please keep her family in your prayers at this sad time.

RCIA COURSE COMMENCING SOON

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course will commence in September. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and / or being received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2023, please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 or email admin@mmrc.org.au. The course is open to all people over 16 years of age. It will be held in the St Joseph's Rockdale presbytery, 13 Parker St, Rockdale from 7.30 – 8.30pm every Tuesday.

People MUST live in our parish boundaries of Rockdale, Arncliffe or Bexley.

RCIA CERTIFICATION COURSE

If any parishioner would like to attend, an Archdiocesan Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Certification Course is being held later this month. Parishes are encouraged to seize this opportunity with both hands to build/establish RCIA within the community and thus provide spiritual renewal to every sphere of parish life. This is a fantastic opportunity for:

- ❖ RCIA Coordinators to receive further formation in the RCIA process and to form other prospective team members in the parish; and
- ❖ parishioners to receive an in-depth learning experience and start RCIA in their parish.

The course will cover the following aspects:

1. A deep dive into the four periods of RCIA;
2. Understanding the three major Rites of the RCIA liturgical journey;
3. The pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical formation that governs the entire process;
4. Resources to ensure a solid foundation and to stay organised and on track throughout the process.

The course begins **this coming Tuesday, 30th August**, and continues every other Tuesday for a total of six online sessions – 13 and 27 September, 11 and 25 October, and 8 November. Please register/share via this link: <https://forms.gle/q1ceKNW3UnZGNwGv9>.

FREE TREE MULCH

There is still some mulch available if any parishioners would like to take some for their own gardens. Please phone the office 9567 1558 and let us know when you will come to collect it. You must bring your own bags or containers and we cannot offer any assistance to you. Please bear in mind that the mulch is a bit damp.

VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTS OFFICER/BOOKKEEPER

Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. Ph 0412 550 902 OR email kevin@palms.org.au

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.

TODDLERS LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S

A few parents would like to have a liturgy group for preschoolers at St Joseph's on Sunday mornings from 10.00 to 10.30am before the 10.30 Mass. If you would like to join this group, please speak with Fr Yacub.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Are you available to assist in this most important of tasks? Can you spare some of your time once a week during school terms for a 30-minute lesson? No qualifications are needed. Free training and resources are provided. You can even help with a friend. If you can assist or would like further information, please contact Fr Yacub our parish priest on 9567 1558 or Lee Kendrick our catechist coordinator on 0422 257 331 about Catholic Scripture in Public Schools. **Thank you to Elisha Cohen and Sharon Arada who have recently qualified as Catechists.**

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2022

Ignite Conference brings hundreds of young people from all around NSW to experience 4 days of awesome talks, worship, prayer and so much more. You can find more info via <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>. It will be a really great experience for the youth and will be held from **Thursday 29 September - Sunday 2 October** at Freeman College, Bonnyrigg.

\$100 Discount available for the first 100 young adults who register from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Go to: <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC22SYD> Ticket Name: CAS Young Adults - Ignite Adult Coupon Code to reveal ticket: CASYA. Cost at checkout: \$175 (\$100 invoiced to Archdiocese). To access your tickets, enter the appropriate code (CASYA) into the coupon code box at the top of the ticket options FIRST. This will reveal the ticket. Once you have clicked 'Order Now', complete the order details as usual.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are highly 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 and distance before joining the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Arena.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob Thomson, Jovie Casuso-Reyes, Rocco Lo Russo, Maria D'Ambrosio, Giuseppe Nigro, Aleksander Huber, Michelangelo Todisco, Ondino Brajevich, Albert Ippolito, Marco Da Silva and Rose Smith.

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

"Have courage no matter what your crosses are." 7.5.1891

