

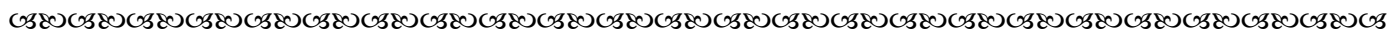
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 21 & 22 OCTOBER 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	5.00pm
		6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	
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>Is 25:6-10</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 4:12-14, 19-20</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 22:1-14</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps. 95:1.3-5.7-10

Give the Lord, glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. *R/*



The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. *R/*

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. *R/*

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is King'.
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

FAMILY MASS AT ST GABRIEL'S

This Sunday, the 9am Mass at St Gabriel's Bexley will be a Family Mass with the children, families and staff from the school in attendance. Please make them welcome. 😊

NOVEMBER FEAST DAY MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY - Wednesday, 1st November

9.00am Arncliffe

9.00am Rockdale

10.00am Bexley

ALL SOULS DAY - Thursday, 2nd November

8.00am Marist Chapel

9.00am Arncliffe

9.00am Rockdale

10.00am Rockdale (Italian)

10.00am Bexley (**Please note change of time**)


7.00pm Rockdale

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are now available at our churches. Please endeavour to have your Mass Offering for November in the collection plates by **this Sunday, 29th October**. This will enable your loved ones to be prayed for during the whole month of November.

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER

 The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** until Tuesday, 31st October in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.

PRAYERS FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

Please keep in your prayers, the students from our parishes who commenced their HSC exams this past week. We wish them good luck with their results as they end their formal school years.

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.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Prayer Gatherings: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk, Fellowship in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Saturdays commencing at 2:30pm. Special guests:
Saturday 28 October – Marina George
Enquiries: Helen (0433 455 114), Ida (0424 267 500)

PARISH WEBSITE: www.mmrc.org.au

Have you visited our parish website yet? The website combines the Mary MacKillop Rockdale City (Arncliffe and Rockdale) and St Gabriel's Bexley. The Parish Bulletin is uploaded each week if you can't get to Mass. You can make secure online payments and donations through the "Support the Parish" page or contact the Parish Office through the "Contact Us" page to make enquiries, Mass offerings or to volunteer your time in any of our Parish ministries.

CHURCH MUSIC THROUGH THE YEAR

St Mary's Singers presents a program of liturgical choral music. The program includes:

- For unto us a child is born, Handel
- Emendemus in melius, Byrd
- Hallelujah Chorus, Handel
- Veni Creator Spiritus Chant for Pentecost
- Ave Maria (Op.23 No.2) Mendelssohn
- Coronation Mass Mozart, Christ the King
- Salve Regina, Liszt
- The heavens are telling (The Creation) Haydn

To be held in St Mary's Cathedral on **Friday, 17 November** at 7.00pm.

The cost is:

Premium - \$35.00 General - \$25.00
Concession - \$15.00 Under 16 years - free
Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/1097546>.

CALIX SOCIETY

"We substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies". Stay and sober with the Catholic faith and a 12-Step program. Join is in prayer for: total abstinence, spiritual development, and personal sanctification. Do you "thirst" for more? Contact calixsydney@outlook.com or <https://www.calixsociety.org>

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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'
Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate by phone 1800 024 413 or online www.caritas.org.au/gaza

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Heartbreak in the Holy Land
- Australian pilgrims' narrow escape
- Voice to Parliament: Catholics react
- Editorial: Catholic Social Teaching after the Voice
- Philippa Martyr: What the stats say about schools and faith
- Monica Doumit and George Weigel on Synodality

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Thurston. Anna Silvio, Thomas McDermott, Norma Greenwood, Clifford Parkes, Caterina Messina, Francesca Garufi, Robert Weeks, Hannah Raffoul and Jana Talevska.

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 expects that we love one another." 14.12.1874

