

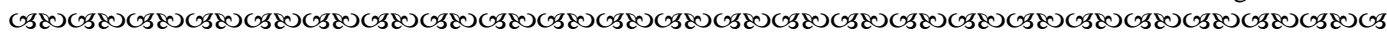
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

5th SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR B - 20 & 21 MARCH 2021

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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 Zeina Chalich

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 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	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 7.30pm First Friday each month	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	10.30am 1 st Sunday of the month	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment. All weddings are governed by the 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.		
1st Reading: Jer 31:31-34; 2nd Reading: Heb 5:7-9; Gospel: Jn 12:20-33			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 50:3-4.12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R/*

A pure heart create for me,
O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R/*

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. *R/*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.



PALM SUNDAY



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. As in past years, you are asked to bring your own piece of palm, olive, eucalyptus branch or greenery to be blessed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This coming Friday is the last Stations of the Cross held in St Francis Xavier's and St Joseph's Churches at 7.00pm for Lent this year.



FRIDAY MASS DURING LENT

This coming Friday evening will be the last Lent Mass at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church. The Stations of the Cross will follow at 7pm. **All welcome.**

200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

If anyone has old photos from their school days at St Gabriel's Primary School, they would be grateful if you could share them for a celebration this year. Please phone the school on 9502 1932 if you can help out.

BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Orlando Toaza and Meleiva Tuataki at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

UPDATED RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance have eased further to allow **a two-square metre rule. Our three churches are still limited for numbers attending.** If there are too many people attending then those coming late may be asked to attend another Mass.
- Masks are no longer compulsory to attend Mass but are still recommended.
- Congregational singing is not allowed in our churches as we are not going to use the 4 square metre rule as we want to allow more people to attend Mass we will be using the 2 square metre rule.
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **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 go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even with a simple cold.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in a parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

VINNIES NEED VOLUNTEERS

The stores in Rockdale and Hurstville would love to have some new volunteers join them. Make a difference for people in need, while giving back to your local community. Meet like-minded people in a supportive team environment. Get creative with killer shop displays & visual merchandising. Learn on the job skills such as pricing & tagging items, organising stock, sorting donations, shop maintenance and customer service. Contribute to the circular fashion movement, helping us reduce landfill from the planet by being part of our ever evolving recycling and second-hand goods business. No experience needed, to us it is much more important that you are friendly, reliable, 16 years or older, available at least 4 hours per week (in one shift) and hopefully have an interest in charity, fashion, sustainability and /or retail. Visit your local Vinnies, ask for the Manager and let them know you are interested in joining them!

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

- St Joseph's Primary School will be having an Open Afternoon for next year's enrolments this **Thursday, 25th March** from 3:30-5:00pm. You are asked to call the School Office on 9599 2541 to register to visit on the day.
- Please phone St Francis Xavier's on 9567 5389 and St Gabriel's Primary on 9502 1932 to enquire about their 2022 enrolments.
- Marist College Kogarah will have their Open Afternoon this **Wednesday, 24th March** from 3.00 – 6.00pm. Contact the College on 9587 3211 for more information

A PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*

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) **next Saturday, 27th March**

8.00am – 8.45am Bexley;

4.00pm – 4.30pm Arncliffe;

5.30pm – 6.00pm Rockdale

Second Rite (Communal celebration)

Tuesday, 30th March at Rockdale - 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

Italian Confessions

Wednesday, 31st March for 30 minutes **before and after** the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY **1st April**

7.00pm Arncliffe 7.00pm Bexley

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

GOOD FRIDAY **2nd April**

Stations of the Cross

10.00am Bexley – Rockdale – Arncliffe

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Bexley – Rockdale – Arncliffe

HOLY SATURDAY **3rd April**

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe

6.30pm Rockdale

EASTER SUNDAY **4th April**

9.00am Mass Arncliffe

9.00am Mass Bexley

9.00am Mass Rockdale (Italian)

10.30am Mass Rockdale

11.30am Mass Rockdale

5.00pm Mass Bexley

RECENTLY DECEASED: Daniel Lam

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Haasnoot, George Borg, Abdallah Elhage, Nevill Abel, Jason Puac, Patrick Prior, Antonietta Bilinski, Medy Perez and Sr Mary Alphonsus.

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 rest in peace. Amen.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"May God bless and keep you and give you courage."

17.8.1875

