



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)

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B - 18 & 19 MAY 2024



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St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

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.		
Reading: Acts 2:1-11; 2nd Reading: Gal 5:16-25 Gospel: Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! *R/*

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. *R/*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. *R/*



FAMILY MASSES THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, the 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's will be a Family Mass for the students, families and staff of St Francis Xavier's Primary and local public schools. Following the Mass, there will be a sausage sizzle in the school grounds.

Also this Sunday, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined Family Mass for St Joseph's Primary School, Marist College, Kogarah and local public school families. A sausage sizzle will follow this Mass in the school grounds.

Please welcome all the students and families at these two special Masses.

CHURCH KEYS AUDIT NOTICE

As we commence a Church keys audit for Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe, we kindly ask for your assistance. If you currently hold any church keys, please contact the Parish Office during office hours to arrange their return by the end of May. Furthermore, if you are aware of others in possession of church keys, please notify us promptly.

It is important to note that the Church keys are Church property and are managed by the Parish Priest / Parish Office. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation during this audit process.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

ROSARY IN MAY

Rosary will be recited **each evening at 6.00pm** until Friday, 31st May in St Joseph's Church.



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS ANNUAL RAFFLE

If you attend Mass at St Gabriel's over the next few weeks there will be tickets for sale for the annual fundraising raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. There will be four prizes of both quilted and crocheted, double and single sized quilts. We thank you for your continued support.

RCIA CERTIFICATION COURSE

If you are interested in assisting with our parish Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program to help non-Catholics become Catholic, you are invited to join with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation who will offer the RCIA Certification Course this year. This free course will help new and current RCIA team members gain a deeper understanding of the RCIA journey—the Church's official means of evangelisation. Furthermore, it is recommended for clergy looking to form and equip a parish RCIA team and parishioners (including new Catholics) eager to serve their parish.

The course includes 8 weekly Zoom sessions with Q&A, beginning from Thursday, 23 May to Thursday, the 11 July. These live sessions will be recorded and made available for those who cannot attend.

For more information, contact Simon at simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org or 0427 536 356. Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSUW>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System for the coming New Financial Year, are asked to contact the Parish Office via email and give some details. **There is a 30% Tax Deduction incentive** available if you are a wage earner and lodge a Tax Return at the end of each financial year. This is a positive way of supporting our parishes. Please consider our appeal.

If there are any recently retired parishioners who currently donate through the envelopes but who may want to change to a 'non-tax receipt' category, they are asked to please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

Thank you to those new parishioners who have joined the Planned Giving Program in recent weeks. It's not too late to join and new enquiries are most welcome. 😊

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or equiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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.

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.

"WALK WITH CHRIST" EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Catholics are invited to unite and honour the real presence by attending the Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession through the Sydney CBD.

This joyful public proclamation seeks to manifest the spiritual joy at the presence of the Saviour in the Eucharist (and His role as benevolent spiritual ruler). Like, for instance, the crowds who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem singing "Hosanna to the Son of David" and the wise virgins who accompanied the bridegroom at his arrival to the feast, so does the faithful of Sydney in their devotion accompany the Eucharistic Lord through its streets.

This will be held on Sunday, 2 June with a festival beginning at 1:00pm in Martin Place. The procession begins at 2:30pm sharp from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street and proceeds to the Cathedral forecourt.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Sydney Catholics show love for Our Lady of Fatima
- Bishop Ingham farewell in Sydney and Wollongong
- St Charbel relics welcomed to Punchbowl
- Book review: Plans for Your Good by Scott Morrison
- Faith leads science as millions admire auroras
- What's the best order for the sacraments?

ADDICTION/ALCOHOLISM: THE 12 STEPS AND CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recover, incorporating 12-step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets on Saturday, 1 June, at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm). Refreshments and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or calixsydney@outlook.com.

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting parishioners.
- 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Margaret Meacham RSJ, Bruce Beck, Concetta Ara, Joseph Lauricella, Glorie Black, Maria Hoang Thi Tien, Maria Ngo Thi Tuyen, Maria Huong Nguyen, Anna Anney Nguyen and Judith 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, Amen.

ST MARY WACKILLOPS QUOTE

"Today God has been good to me." 14.6.1874

