

UPDATED RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Church attendance numbers are again limited to a maximum of 100 people, providing there is a four-square metre space around each person or family group. Our three churches are limited for numbers attending and none can hold 100 people under current conditions. If there are too many people attending then those coming late may be asked to attend another Mass.
- In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone attending a church now must wear a face mask. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this rule but are encouraged to wear face masks where practicable. NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.
- Congregational singing, 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.
- The dispensation from the Bishops from attending Mass has been extended.
- 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.

LIVESTREAMED MASSES ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

As COVID-19 restrictions are making it challenging for many parishioners to attend Mass in person each week, the Archdiocese is continuing to publish details online of the various parishes offering a live streamed Mass on this webpage: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday is on 17th February.

The Mass schedule will be:

- 6.45am Rockdale
- 8.00am Marist College Kogarah Chapel
- 9.00am Arncliffe
- 9.00am Rockdale
- 10.30am Bexley
- 10.30am (Italian) Rockdale
- 7.00pm Rockdale



EXTRA FRIDAY MASS DURING LENT

On Friday evenings during Lent, there will be a 6.30pm Mass in St Joseph's Church followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in both St Francis Xavier's and St Joseph's Churches, each Friday at 7.00pm during Lent commencing on **Friday 19th February**.

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!*

BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Aria Vukelic at St Francis Xavier's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.



THANK YOU TO THE AZIZI FAMILY

Last Sunday the 9am Mass at St Gabriel's was celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers to bless and dedicate a statue of St Mary MacKillop to the memory of their daughter and sister Jennifer, who was tragically killed by a vehicle near the entrance to St Gabriel's Church a few years ago. The family donated the statue to St Gabriel's and joined with parishioners in celebrating Jennifer's life and memory.

SUPPORTING PARENTS AS THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

Parent Line has been providing support over the phone to families across NSW for over 25 years. Confidential and non-judgemental parenting support is just a phone call away. Our Parent Line counsellors are experienced, friendly, and knowledgeable and available 7 days a week from 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm weekends. We can help with everything from:

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- Managing stress and anxiety
- Managing technology use
- Alcohol and drug issues
- Strategies to build positive relationships

Call 1300 1300 52 or email info@parentline.org.au to get the support that you need.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have a number of parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, so we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ross Hili, Elena Carrabs and Sr Marcia Dawson RSJ

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernadette Comber, Elizabeth Maher, John Briscoe-Hough, Giacomo Brancato, Teresa Vitturino, Euphemia Vella, Angeliki Kouvelis, Dora Kennedy, Marid Wilson, Matthew Purtell, Peter Grant. Valerie Burke, Jabbour & Jennifer Azizi and Charles Nohra.

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

"Pray for the poor people speaking against us." 3.5.1874

