



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)

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 22 & 23 APRIL 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 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	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>Acts 2:14, 22-33</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Pet 1:17-21</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 24:13-35</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15:1-2,5,7-11

Lord you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. *R/*



I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *R/*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. *R/*

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Tickets for the yearly raffle are currently available at St Gabriel's. This year there will be four prizes.

- 2 X Double Bed Patchwork Quilt
- 1 Single Bed Patchwork Quilt
- 1 Single Crochet Rug.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

Looking for your continued support with appreciation. ☺
Patricia Will

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

All Catholic children currently in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year are now invited to make their First Holy Communion. A parent information meeting will be held **on Thursday, 18th May**, in St Joseph's Hall at 7.00pm. At least one parent or guardian of the child is expected to attend this meeting as the Registration Form for the Programme will be handed out on the night as well as information about the Commitment Mass. **The children are not required to attend this meeting.** Parking is available in the school grounds and in the tennis court on Parker St, Rockdale.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible to enable us to forward the donations to Caritas.



CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH FOR MEN

An overnight Walking Pilgrimage for Men will commence next **Friday 28 April** at 8:30pm from St Mary's Cathedral with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers. Confession will be available from 7:30pm. Following the Mass, a Pilgrimage across 9 churches in Sydney's inner west will commence. The Pilgrimage will conclude on Saturday 29 April at 6:30am, St Joseph's Enfield with a Mass, followed by BBQ breakfast and celebration. Adoration will be held at each church followed by a short reflection on St Joseph. Please register on this website.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1032826>

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CELEBRATION

Our parishioners are invited to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima and the Kingsgrove Parish on **Sunday, 7th May**. The day will commence with Rosary at the front of the church at 9am and a procession. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. From 11.15am to 3.00pm there will be festivities in the parish grounds. There will be no evening Mass on this day. All welcome.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday May 13th**, honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. We look forward to you joining us in Prayer. For further enquiries please contact us on 0403 578 994.

PENTECOST RETREAT

"Prepare a way for the Lord."

Join the Emmanuel Community on retreat for an opportunity to grow in intimacy with the Holy Spirit, who promises us amazing gifts and the transformation of our life! The Church gives us 40 days of Lent to prepare for Easter, and 50 days of Easter to prepare for Pentecost - let us make the most of this wonderful opportunity in our liturgical calendar! **Saturday 27 May, 10:00am – Sunday 28 May, 4:00pm** at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrew's Rd, Varroville. Cost: \$135 (twin share, includes all meals. BYO bedding). \$100 student price.

Register: www.trybooking.com/CGXZD

Contact the Emmanuel Community for more information: emmanuel Sydney events@gmail.com

MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE

PENTECOST RETREAT

Wednesday 24-Sunday 28 May at Carmel House, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Join us for five days of prayer, discussion and practical workshops. For more information and to register, visit: www.trybooking.com/CFBRF

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Marathon man runs for the Voice
- The Voice: Yes or No? Writers deliver their verdicts
- Synodality document a key moment for Oceania
- Monica Doumit: Brutal bottom line in euthanasia
- Sanctifying the Hours: Learn to pray the psalms
- John McLaughlin: Man of law, man of faith

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.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who organised and prepared St Joseph's Church for the Divine Mercy Mass and Devotions last Sunday. As a parish we are most grateful for your assistance. ☺

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER GARDENING

Mary MacKillop Place, situated in North Sydney, and accessible by public transport, is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer gardeners. Are you someone who enjoys being surrounded by nature's beauty while spending time outdoors? Mary MacKillop Place is a welcoming sacred space, a unique oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our extensive and stunning gardens are an essential part of this peaceful spiritual haven. We are currently seeking volunteers to help us maintain these beautiful gardens. No prior gardening experience is necessary, and all the training, supplies and support you need, will be provided. If you are someone who would welcome the opportunity to garden be it for couple of hours, a day or two a week or fortnight we need you! Please contact Sr Annie Bond Ministry and Mission Manager or email annie.bond@mmp.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT – CATHOLIC JOBS ONLINE

- Assistant Sacristan – St Mary's Cathedral - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/assistant-sacristan-sydney-nsw/>
- Evangelisation Coordinator – Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Peakhurst
<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/peakhurst-nsw-part-time-permanent-evangelisation-coordinator/>

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pasquale Mazzeo and Danielle Yepes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gayus Donoghue, Rafael Ripoll, Patricia Campanella, Giuseppe Gioia, Vera Zihner, Lynette Mason, Monica Maxwell, Maxwell Kane, Leonilde Del Vecchio, Viliam Kovac and April Cheung-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 MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"We must pray that God may direct us to do what will please God most and tend to the common good." 1.12.1881

