

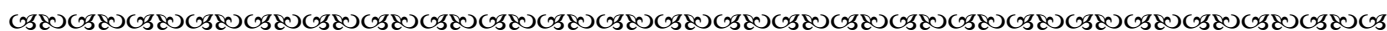
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 31 AUGUST & 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

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SCHOOLS:

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	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am	9.00am
Sunday Masses		12.00pm (<i>First Sunday only Urdu</i>)	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>Deut 4:1-2, 6-8</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i>			

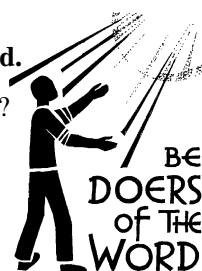
RESPONSORIAL PSALM 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. *R/*

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. *R/*

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *R/*



HAPPY FATHERS DAY

HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and uncles this weekend. The male role-models in our lives are so important, and we thank them especially for their love and care. Let us also remember those who have died, and those families who have lost their fathers, especially during the past year.



PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION PASTORAL APPEAL

This weekend, 31st August and 1st September we will be having the annual appeal to support the Priests who are no longer working full-time. **There will be a third collection after Holy Communion** for this appeal. When priests move from full-time ministry they need support, so that they are not disadvantaged with respect to housing, living expenses, health care and transport, etc. To provide this support, we need to actively participate to the Retirement Fund, by raising funds through this annual appeal. People continually value our ministry and are keen to support, and your contributions are truly appreciated. Let us be generous as God is with us. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for supporting your brother priests, through the Priests' Retirement Foundation. There are special envelopes on the seats this weekend. If you have not brought a donation, please take one home return next weekend.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!



FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 8th September, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a Family Mass for those children and families who attend St Joseph's Primary and the local public schools. All welcome. ☺

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course may commence soon if any parishioners have family or friends who have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Faith. Please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 (9am – 1pm Monday to Friday) or email admin@mmrc and give their contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age.

SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Each of our churches have special Mass Offering envelopes. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published in the weekly bulletin. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated on a particular date, a minimum of one week's notice must be given.

'WRITINGS OF ST JOHN PAUL II ON GENDER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY' IMMERSION COURSE

Are you looking for a message of hope and healing in a time of confusion? In partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the Theology of the Body Institute, the Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to announce once again that we will be hosting another not-to-be-missed 5-day immersion course experience: 'The Writings of John Paul II on Gender, Marriage and Family' is now **OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS!** At a time of great concern and confusion over the dignity of the creation of male and female, the sacred union of husband and wife, and the life-giving beauty of family, the Lord calls us to witness the Gospel now more than ever. If you are interested in learning more about TOB or feel you need to hear this transformative message, we strongly encourage you to register for this upcoming course in January 2025. The course will be held at the beautiful Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale from **Sunday, 19 January to Friday, 24 January 2025**. To register and learn more about the course, please visit: tobi.sydneycatholic.org or for further questions, contact Simon Yeak on 0427 536 356 or email simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org

ANNUAL 'BE NOT AFRAID' MEN'S CONFERENCE

A one-day conference for men (18+) will be held at St Mary's Cathedral Hall Sydney from 7am to 3.30pm on **Saturday, 21 September**. This year's theme is '7 Deadly Sins—vices and opposing virtues,' which will be presented by various speakers.

The speakers include; Fr Daniele Russo, Fr Greg Morgan, Fr James Baxter OP, Fr Chris de Sousa CRS, Fr Dan McCaughan, Dr Peter Holmes, Christian Stephens, Fr Richard Wallace FSSP, Fr Emmanuel Seo, Fr Ben Saliba as MC plus others joining us for the day! The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, mass, opportunity for confession, Q&A, lunch, fraternity and small expo. We're gathering as men to encounter Our Lord and increase in faith, hope and charity in brotherhood to be the man God created us to be.

Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45. Clergy, Religious and Seminarians are free. Tickets are limited, register now and invite a mate. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CUGH1>

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- The Gift of Fatherhood
- Support our Spiritual Fathers
- Monica Doumit on Tickle v Giggle
- 'Gender diverse' need love, acceptance, says bishop
- Catholic world stunned by new Shroud evidence
- New Genesian theatre needs your support

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that 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 enquiries@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.

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

Men and boys are reminded to remove caps, beanies and hoods, **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many of our parishioners, especially the elderly.
- 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peggy Costello, Mina Hadley and Giuseppina Di Loreto.

ANNIVERSARIES: Antonius Widjaja, Margaret Owen, Bob Thomson, Alfredo Lopes, Gilda Camara, Maria Puglisi, Dragica Zmoda, Mary MacKenzie Mitchell, Giuseppe Nigro, Aleksander Huber, Antonio & Giorgio Festa and Santo & Rosa Damino.

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

"It is God's work, and you are doing it for Him."

30.12.1897

