

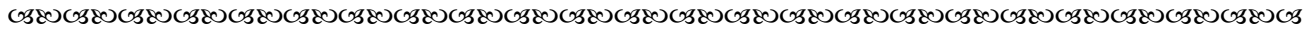
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C - 19 & 20 NOVEMBER 2022

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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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>Sunday Masses</b>	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
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday ( <i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 5.30pm</i> ) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday ( <i>Benediction at 8.45am</i> )
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	10.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1st Reading: <i>2 Sam 5:1-3</i> ; 2nd Reading: <i>Col 1:12-20</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 23:35-43</i>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 121:1-5**

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates,

O Jerusalem. *R/*



Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. *R/*

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. *R/*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!**



**BAPTISMS**

This weekend we welcome Guinevere Carabott at St Gabriel's. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.



**COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

2023 Calendars are available for \$10.00 in our Piety Stalls

**MASS AND HEALING LITURGY**

This Sunday at the 10.30am Mass in St Joseph's we welcome Fr Justin Torres who is a priest of the Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He is visiting Australia from The Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. Fr Yacub will concelebrate with Fr Justin. Following the Mass there will be an anointing for those who wish to partake in this gift of Healing. We all have a need of some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual. **All welcome.**

**PARISH ADVENT PROGRAM**

Father Norvin will commence the Advent Program **this coming Wednesday night** at 6pm in St Joseph's Hall. The program will continue on until **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like to join the group, please contact the parish office via email [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) or phone 9567 1558. **All parishioners welcome!**

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

November Mass Envelopes may be found in the Church foyers or on the Offertory Tables. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November, they are only available during the other months of the year.**

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**Next weekend at several of our Masses** a speaker from the Archdiocese will be attending to encourage parishioners to join the parish pilgrimage which is planned for 27 April to 9 May 2023. Fr Yacub will be leading the group and would love to have some of our parishioners join him on the journey. They will be travelling to Rome and the Holy Land. Cost is from \$3.830.00 per person/twin share **excluding flights**. Brochures are available in each of the churches for you to take home and think about joining the group. There is an 'Expression of Interest' form on the back so you can find out more details. **All parishioners welcome!**

### STAY AWAKE! PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST - ADVENT COMPANION 2022

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba. There may still be some copies available in our churches. **This is the booklet Fr Norvin will use each Wednesday.**

### RCIA SPONSORS REQUESTED

Two of our RCIA candidates, one from St Francis Xavier's Arncliffe and one from St Joseph's Rockdale require female sponsors to assist them through the program. If you would be willing to accompany this person on their journey to becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office on 9567 1588. The commitment would mean attending a lesson with the candidate and RCIA team each Tuesday night for a few months.

### ORDER OF THE MASS CARDS

Due to the Covid outbreak, the Parish has retired the old and well-worn Order of the Mass cards. In future, rather than having general use cards, new Mass cards which are A4 in size and are laminated and will be available for purchase from the Piety Stall for \$2.00 each. Parishioners will then be able to have their own personal Mass card to bring when they attend Mass.

### CALVARY HOSPITAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Christmas season can be a difficult time for grieving family and friends. You are invited to Calvary's Remembrance Service to honour and remember those we have love and lost, especially over the past two years. This will be held **this coming Tuesday, November 29th** at 7pm in St Thomas More Church, 298 Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a photo. Light supper will follow the service. Please RSVP to Mary Ashton on 9553-3158.

### REDEFINING NORMAL: MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS WORKSHOP

Hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Justice and Peace Office. A practical workshop for individuals, families, carers, faith and community leaders. To be held on **Thursday 1 December** from 8:30am-1:00pm at 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt. Registrations online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/redefining-normal-mental-health-alcohol-other-drugs-aod-workshop-tickets-421083380727>

## 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.

## CATHOLIC LAY CHAPLAINS AT ST GEORGE HOSPITAL

Sister Maria Pineda and Gary Cartmer are Catholic Care Lay Chaplains at St George Public Hospital on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. They are there to provide emotional, spiritual and sacramental support to you or your family member. If you would like to contact them, please call the Chaplains' Office on 9113 2189 and leave a message with the patient's name and they will provide ongoing support during their stay.

## CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Come along to St Mary's Cathedral forecourt from December 8 to 25 December and join the festivities. They will begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities and live entertainment for the children. The signature light show of Christmas art will be projected onto the cathedral from 8:30pm.

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Yes, Minister? Election: Labor promises a Faith Affairs Council
  - 'Cardinal was Framed'
  - Christmas at the Cathedral
  - Theology of the Body. THIS WILL BE BIG.
  - A Maronite-powered mission
  - Ten philosophers surprised by God
- Available for \$2 after Mass today.

If you are missing the Catholic Weekly, you can organise your own personal subscription by phone 9390 5404 or email: [steve.richards@catholicweekly.com.au](mailto:steve.richards@catholicweekly.com.au)

## RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly recommended in churches.**
- 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 wait until there is space and distance before joining the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Father Peter Maher, Saveria Todisco, Richard O'Brien and Pat Gilsenan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Milan Krakic, Biagio Di Ferdinando, Damiano Bonfa, Maria Grskovic, Tina Fasanella, Peter Paoloni, Norma Newton, Giuseppe Monforte, Darcy Tosh, Giuseppe Bruno, Marie-Claude Videau, Michele La Manna, Antonietta Danieletto, Concetta Ruggier and Francis Scott.

**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

"God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark." 18.1.1899

