

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)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B - 29 & 30 MAY 2021

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St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Carolyn Yeats

St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 - Principal: Ms Zeina Chalich

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	10.30am 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. The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.		
1st Reading: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; 2nd Reading: Rom 8:14-17; Gospel: Mt 28:16-20			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32:4-6.9.18-20.22

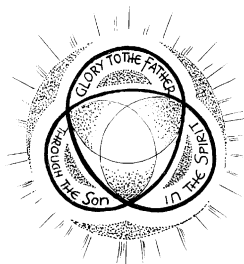
Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *R/*

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. *R/*

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *R/*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *R/*



FAREWELL MASS FOR FR FRANK REGALA

A farewell Mass for Fr Frank will be held at 10.30am on **Sunday 13th June** at St Joseph's. A special collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend for Fr Frank.

SYDNEY MALE CHOIR PRESENTS "WE RISE AGAIN!"

Gather some friends and come along **this Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm to St Joseph's Church Rockdale** to hear featuring songs from Musicals - Miss Saigon, Guys & Dolls, Les Miserables - and by Queen, Billy Joel, Paul Simon, and more! A wonderful afternoon of great music will be enjoyed by all attending!

All tickets: \$20.00 (school age children – FREE!)

Tickets available at the door this Sunday afternoon!!

This is a fund-raising concert for which the proceeds will be donated to "Mary MacKillop Today" to assist the St Joseph's nuns with their work in Timor Leste, one of the world's newest and most disadvantaged nations.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep the young ones preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide them and deepen their faith and commitment. Confirmation will be held in our three parish churches during June.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

ARCHBISHOP FISHER'S PASTORAL LETTER

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has released a new Pastoral Letter, "*Lead us Back to Mass for the Church's Birthday!*" inviting Catholics to return to Mass. Copies were left in our churches last weekend so some copies may still be available or you can view it online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

Parish Ambassadors are gathering on **July 3**. How can you be involved in the Plenary Council?

- Pray the Plenary Prayer from Pentecost until the Assembly.
- Visit the Plenary Council website especially Fan the Flame site www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame.
- View the videos produced by the Sydney working group by Bishop Brady and Stephen Noone in response to the call from so many for spiritual formation <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/plenary-council-2020/#Plenary-Council-Assembly-October-2021>.
- Listen to the podcasts about the Plenary Council <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/listen/>.

POSITION VACANT

A permanent, full-time opportunity exists for an experienced person looking to work for an organisation that strives to make a difference in the community. Assistant Manager Finance, Admin & IT for the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Kensington. Diverse role with an operations, finance and IT focus. Based in Kensington NSW. For further information, please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources on 0418 698 327. Applications close **Sunday, 13 June**.

A NATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE TO ENLIVEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES – "*Alive In The Spirit: Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be*"

This innovative conference, from **8 to 10 July** will feature over 30 on-demand workshops with prominent national and international guest speakers, exploring areas such as best practice for RCIA, planning for mission and renewal and supporting pastoral care. For more information, visit the conference website: www.aliveinthespirit.com.au.

OPEN DAY AT EILEEN'S PLACE

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up Eileen's place for dedicated monthly Open Days to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. The next Open Day will be held next **Sunday 6 June** at 35 Dudley Street in Coogee from 10:45 am-1:00 pm (including Mass). For more information and to register visit: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on their website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary places her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance still required us to observe the **two-square metre rule. Our three churches are limited for numbers attending.**
- Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Masks are no longer compulsory for attending Mass but still recommended.
- Congregational singing is now allowed again.
- 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.**
- 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.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our 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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rod Lucas and Jocelyn Hushes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheila Larkin, Terri Hitchings, Arthur Duignan, Franca Savo, Baby Isaac Bolanca, Clare Younie, Emma Conroy, Kevin O'Brien, Rodolphe Ayoub, James Haring, Maria Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, John Nguyen and Francis D Cruze.

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

"May the spirit of the Sacred Heart animate you."

18.9.1906

