

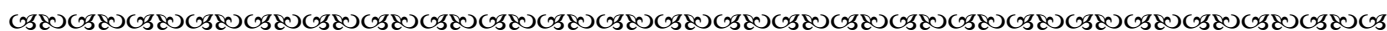
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(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 B - 23 & 24 NOVEMBER 2024

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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>Dan 7:13-14</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Rev 1:5-8</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 18:33-37</i>		

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 92:1-2.5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. *R/*

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. *R/*

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. *R/*

King of Glory



King of Peace

FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a Family Mass. Please welcome the children and families who attend St Josephs Primary, Marist College Kogarah and the local public schools. A sausage sizzle will follow the Mass. All welcome.

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!



SEMINARIAN VISITOR

Commencing from this weekend, our twinned parishes will host a seminarian from The Good Shepherd Seminary at Homebush. Lukasz (Lucas) Golab will be living at the presbytery and participating in liturgies and events in our parishes until Christmas Day. Please make Lukasz welcome as he moves around our churches and schools. ☺

CHRISTMAS MASSES AND RECONCILIATIONS

RECONCILIATIONS

Rockdale (Italian) Friday, 20th December 10am -10.45am

Bexley Saturday 21st December – 8.00am – 8.30am

Arncliffe Saturday 21st December – 4.00pm – 4.30pm

Rockdale Saturday 21st December – 5.30pm – 6pm

MASSES

Christmas Vigil, Tuesday, 24th December

Bexley 5.00pm

Arncliffe 5.00pm

Rockdale 6.30pm



“Midnight Mass”, Tuesday night

Rockdale Mass at 11.00pm with Carols from 10.30pm
(N.B. Note the Mass is NOT actually at Midnight!!)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25th December

Arncliffe 9.00am

Bexley 9.00am

Rockdale 9.00am Italian

Rockdale 10.30am

Bexley 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN KING ST MALL

As promised by Father Yacub last Christmas, there will be Christmas Carols sung in King Street Mall Rockdale this December! This will be held on **Friday, 20th December at 8.00pm**. Bayside Council will be erecting a large Christmas Tree in the mall so please gather your family and friends and come along to support our parishioners and show the real joy of the Christmas Season with fellow local residents. Everyone is welcome!



PARISH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Our three Catholic Primary Schools participated in the Christmas Art Competition for the second year. We have again seen some wonderful entries. The winner this year is Amelia (Year 6 – St Francis Xavier’s Arncliffe). The two runners-up were Howard (Year 6 – St Gabriel’s Bexley) and Georgia (Year 5 – St Joseph’s Rockdale). Congratulations to these three children.

To enjoy a couple of the winning entries, please take home a card from the church this weekend with our Christmas Reconciliation and Mass times on it to keep on your fridge or notice board.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Are you expecting a child? Come and celebrate the joy and anticipation of new life at the annual Mass for Expectant Mothers, celebrated by Bishop Umbers. Refreshments will be provided. To be held on **Sunday 8th December** at 10.00am in St Joachim’s Church Lidcombe. Please register here for catering purposes:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CWENO>

ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS

The Order of Malta’s annual Lourdes Day Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral will be celebrated on Saturday, 7th December at 11.00am. This Mass is celebrated for the intentions of all Catholic families. Those needing physical or spiritual healing and support are particularly encouraged to participate and receive a bottle of water from the Lourdes shrine. All those in attendance will receive a blessing for good health.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Parish Knitters see red
- Archbishop inspires student leaders
- Street Feast feeds the homeless
- Martyr writes about Christ the King!
- A day of renewal for parish staff
- Sisters of our Lady of China

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH DINNER AND FAREWELL TO FR MANUEL

St Thomas More’s Parish at Brighton is holding a farewell dinner for Fr Manuel who has been the PP at Brighton for 12 years. They have invited any of our parishioners to attend. There are limited seats available but if anyone would like to attend, please contact Karen in their Parish Office, 9567 3589 (M,W,F) and let her know you are from our parish. The dinner will be held on **Friday, 13th December** from 6.00 – 10.30pm at Club Central, 2 Crofts Ave Hurstville. Tickets are \$85 each and includes: a 2-course meal and celebration cake, complementary house wine, beer, or soft drink on arrival, music and a gift for Fr Manuel. Bookings close 30th November. Link to book - <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1319455>

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.

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

As we enter the summer season, we kindly remind everyone to dress modestly when attending church. Modesty helps create a respectful and reverent atmosphere that honours our shared space for worship. Please avoid clothing that is too short or revealing, such as low-cut tops, shorts, or skirts more suited for the gym or beach.

Additionally, we ask that men please remove their hats before entering the church. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many of our parishioners, especially the elderly. A recently released COVID-19 Response Inquiry report noted the disproportionate impact of the virus on the elderly. And it’s not over yet as Covid-19 remains our biggest acute respiratory killer.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell, 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.

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 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.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

2025 Columban Calendars available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

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: Dorothy Molachino.

ANNIVERSARIES: Christina Truant, John McLaughlin, Damiano Bonfa, Darcy Tosh, Biagio Di Ferdinando, Peter Paoloni, Violeta Sollazzo and Marie-Claude Videau.

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

“Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to the eternal life of happiness.” 28.2.1890

