

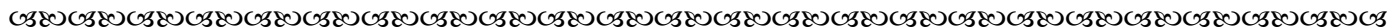
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 16 & 17 NOVEMBER 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>Dan 12:1-3</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Heb 10:11-14, 18</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 13:24-32</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15:58-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

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/*



FAMILY MASS

This Sunday the 9.00am Mass in St Gabriel's, is a Family Mass. Please welcome the children and families who attend St Gabriel's Primary and the local public schools. All welcome.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One of the Church's age-old customs is to pray for all deceased during the month of November. Naturally we remember our own loved ones, but as an act of charity we especially pray for those for whom there is no-one alive to remember them. November Mass Envelopes are available in each of our Churches if you would like to have Mass offered for the Holy Souls. Please place your offering on one of the collection plates as soon as possible. Mass Stipend for November Mass is minimum of \$20. Please place your envelopes in the collection plates. All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls, rather than for individual requests.

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 serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

BAPTISMS

This weekend at St Joseph's we welcome Alfie and Stevie Palmer. We also welcome their family and friends who join them on this special day.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand
before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

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 – 5.30pm

Rockdale Saturday 21st December – 5.30pm – 6pm

MASSES

Christmas Eve, 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

NO 5.00pm Mass at Bexley on Christmas Day

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie, have announced that they now accepting applications for their 2025 Summer Program – and thanks to the generous support of their donors, this program is free to attend!

This immersive four-day program is designed for high school students in Years 11 & 12 (ages 16 to 19) who are eager to explore the world of the Liberal Arts. Local and interstate students are welcome. It will take place in the January school holidays; you can choose to attend a program from the 7th-10th or the 14th-17th Jan.

Participants will engage in thought-provoking lectures, interactive workshops, and social activities, all led by our experienced faculty.

Program highlights include:

- Academic sessions in our core disciplines literature, history, philosophy, and theology
- Group discussions and hands-on workshops to develop critical thinking skills
- A variety of social activities, including campus tours, a bush walk, mock formal hall, and much more!

Any youth (aged 16-19) in our parish who would be interested in this fantastic opportunity to experience firsthand the life of a university student and be apart of our vibrant Catholic community at Campion College are encouraged to register ASAP as places are limited!

To learn more or to register visit:

<https://www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program>

SYDNEY TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN 2028

At the recent 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, we heard the announcement that the Church of Sydney had been hoping for: that we will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, 100 years since Sydney last hosted this great event and twenty years since it hosted World Youth Day.

To find out more about IEC 2028, and join our mailing list to receive future updates, visit <http://iec2028.org>

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

- Archbishop Fisher: A brilliant decade
- The priest with the mullet
- 30 years of Parent Line
- Philippa Martyr: Death and lollies
- The Collegian: Issue 05 Liftout

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stojan Talevski and Dorothy Molachino.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Gilsean, Margaret Bet, Maria Bini, Milan Kracic, Virgilio Carrabs, Chiara Morici, Maria Grskovic, Tina Fasanella, Francis Xavier Ca Huu Nguyen, Michael Giardullo, Maria Giardullo, Norma Newton, Giuseppe Monforte and Giuseppe Bruno.

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

“Try to please God.” 30.12.1897

