

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)

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 4 & 5 JUNE 2022

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

St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Acting Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg

St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley: 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	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
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 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.		
1 st Reading: <i>Acts 2:1-11</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Rom 8:8-17, 10:19-23</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 14:15-16, 23-26</i> .			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103:1,24,29-31,34 (all Masses)
Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Saturday Vigil Mass

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! *R/*



How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches. Bless the Lord, my soul. *R/*

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. *R/*

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. *R/*

Sunday Mass

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. *R/*

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. *R/*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!



ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY

Please welcome the students, parents and staff of St Joseph's Primary School to the 10.30am Mass at this Sunday.



PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Fr Yacub would like to invite all parishioners to come along for a sausage sizzle **this Sunday, 5th June** at 11.30am in the school grounds at St Joseph's. This is a social opportunity to get together as a parish community.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Please keep the children preparing for Confirmation in your prayers as they learn about the Holy Spirit in their lives and deepen their relationship with Christ.



WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION RETURNS

Sydney's annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Walk with Christ, is the first public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney since 2019. This will be held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday, 19th June** beginning with a gathering of parishes and groups on the corner of Martin Place and Pitt St at 1.30pm, with the procession to the Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Claudia Porley who will be baptised at St Francis Xavier's on Sunday. We also welcome her family and friends who join her on this special occasion.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you are new to the parish and want to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System in the coming financial year (2022/23) please contact the Parish Office. There is a 30% tax deduction incentive if you are a wage earner and lodge a tax return.

If you are currently donating through the envelopes but want to change to the 'non-tax category' please contact the Parish Office 9567 1558 or admin@mmrc.org.au) as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences.

N.B. Parishioners who have Envelope numbers 1-99 (Rockdale or Bexley) and 200-299 (Arncliffe) already qualify to claim the tax deduction in their tax return.

N.B. The weekend of June 25 & 26 June will be the last weekend for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes.

LAUNCH OF "THE CATHOLIC MASS" BOOKLET

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is delighted to present our new resource – 'The Catholic Mass' booklet. The companion guide helps capture the mysteries and beauty of the Mass. With explanations of each part of the Mass from Sacred Scripture, Church teachings and the Saints. We especially recommend this as an essential tool for parish RCIA programs, parents of children going through sacramental programs, catechists and students in public schools, and for ongoing formation of parishioners on our primary act of worship.

There are still some copies of the book available in each church for a minimum of \$3.00 donation.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from **Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June**. On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with His Grace at St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass, after which families participate in the 'Festival of Families' beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children. More information and resources for this event are available at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>.

ST GABRIEL'S BEXLEY PLAYGROUP

Parents with children aged 0 to preschool age are welcome to come along between 9am to 10.45am and try "Little Gabbies Playgroup." which will recommence on **Friday 17 June** in St Gabriel's Parish Hall, at 18 Salisbury Ave, Bexley. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer at all times. A gold coin donation is welcome for each session. For more information, please email Jane Lui: jane.lui@syd.catholic.edu.au

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.

FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass for the late Frank Biviano will be held on **Wednesday 8th June** at 10.30am in St Francis Xavier Church. Please keep his family in your prayers.

SESQUICENTENARY OF SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART IN NSW (1872-2022)

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph was founded by Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods in 1866 in Penola, South Australia. Its first ministry was the opening of a school for all the children of that small distant town. The education being offered was an important step in breaking the cycle of poverty that had trapped so many of the children's parents, struggling to make a go of it in the pioneering times of colonial Australia. By 1872 there were 127 Sisters and 3 of them arrived in Bathurst in response to Bishop Matthew Quinn's invitation to again open schools for poor children who were deprived of an education. Bishop Quinn decided that a small village was the place for them to begin. Sisters Teresa MacDonald, Joseph Dwyer and Hyacinth Quinlan, along with an enquirer, Ada Braham, arrived in Queen Charlotte Vale, now Perthville, on 16 July 1872. The ministry of the Sisters grew and expanded into all 11 Dioceses in NSW. Throughout the journey of these past 150 years, with all its twists and turns, ups and downs, the grace of God has continued to meet the needs of the times through the ministry of the Sisters.

INVITATION

Sister Anne Porter and the NSW Regional Leadership Team extend a warm invitation to attend the Sesquicentenary Mass celebrating 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW since their arrival in Perthville in 1872. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 16 July** at 10.30 am in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John Bathurst. Celebrant: Bishop Michael McKenna Following the Mass there will be a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is very welcome - Parishioners, Friends, Companions and all those with a connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The Perthville Heritage Centre will be open for visitors from 2 pm for the 2.30pm Launch of the audio app of the site. **RSVP by 13 June** - needed for catering purposes Please contact Sr Berenice Cornish rsj by mobile: 0418 681 949 or email: Berenice.cornish@sosj.org.au /

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Haring, Frank Biviano.
ANNIVERSARIES: Sheila Larkin, Anne Duggan, Lora Sultana, Angela Biviano, Nunziatina Paratore, Margaret Byrne, Bartolo Manfre, Maria Laus, Antoinette Salvo, Baby Isaac Bolanca, Giuseppe Celin, Kevin O'Brien, John Grilo and Maria Santos.
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

"Take care of yourself and don't work beyond your strength" 17.3.1901

