

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)

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 5 & 6 NOVEMBER 2022

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

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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.		
1st Reading: <i>2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14</i> ; 2nd Reading: <i>2 Thess 2:16-3:5</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 20:27-38</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 16:1.5-6.8.15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer; no deceit is on my lips. *R/*

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;

there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.

Turn your ear to me; hear my words. *R/*

Guard me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled,

when I awake, with the sight of your glory. *R/*



CWF APPEAL

The final Appeal for this calendar year will be held **this weekend, 5th & 6th November with a third collection after Holy Communion.**

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The Archbishop uses the money from these appeals to help fund various pastoral activities within the archdiocese: hospital, gaol and university chaplaincies, the deaf community, the aboriginal community, seminarians preparing for priesthood, CatholicCare and resources for catechists visiting state schools to name just a few. Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. Sadly we are well below our quota for this year and the difference owed will be taken from our parish funds. There are envelopes on the seats. Please take one home and return with your donation next weekend. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but please make sure you have completed **ALL the details** required on the envelopes provided and tick the appropriate boxes. It is not a matter of just putting your name only, you must have an address and contact details as well.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

PARISH ADVENT PROGRAM

Father Norvin will be presenting an Advent Program every Wednesday during Advent at 6pm in St Joseph's Hall, from Wednesday 23rd November to Wednesday, 14th December. **All parishioners welcome!**

PRAYERS FOR FATHER PETER MAHER

Please keep Father Peter in your prayers as he is now in palliative care in hospital. He does not want any visitors, just your prayers please.

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

A parish pilgrimage is being planned for 27 April to 9 May 2023. Fr Yacub will be leading this 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**. A speaker from the Archdiocese will be attending most Masses on **26 and 27 November** to invite parishioners to join the group. 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!**

MASS AND HEALING LITURGY

Father Justin Torres, a priest of the Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be concelebrating with Father Yacub, the 10.30am Mass at **St. Joseph's, Rockdale on Sunday, 20th November**. Fr. Justin is visiting Australia from The Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. 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 to attend.

LIMITED STOCK OF SPECIAL VOTIVE CANDLES

The Parish has purchased a limited number of special votive candles. They are designed for use at home as a tribute to a loved one, or holy devotion. They are on sale now for \$35 in our Piety Stalls. They glow continuously for 300 days, and 2 x Alkaline size D Batteries are included with the purchase.

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL INVITATION CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR SYDNEY PARISHES

Hear an update on the Second Assembly by Plenary Council facilitators and a reflection on the Synod of Bishops Continental Phase Document on **Saturday 19 November** from 10am-1:30pm at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney (entrance from 80 William Street) RSVP by 8 November: Sr Jo Brady RSJ at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2023 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SYDNEY STREET FEAST

On **Friday 18 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2022>

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Conscientious objection: seminar for healthcare workers
- Under attack? The art of spiritual combat
- It's back! Christmas at the cathedral
- saints galore!
- An aria for mascot

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

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: Slava Gorisek.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr John Kerrigan, Lorenzo Caruso, David Mandile, Medy Perez, Reginald Huthnance, Barbara Vancea, Dr Mary Keating, Paul Martin and Antonietta and Pietro Masiello.

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

"Much that is hidden from us is known to God, and many things which we condemn are pleasing to God because God sees the motives and we see only the result."
Book of Customs

