



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)



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23 & 24 APRIL 2022

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Parish Priest – Fr Norvin Dias



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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 5:12-16</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 20:19-31</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 117:2-4, 22-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' *R/*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. *R/*

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. *R/*



NEW ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST

Last week, I received a letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher informing me that we are to receive a new Assistant Priest. Fr Norvin Dias will be joining us during the coming week so when you see him, please make him feel welcome. Fr Norvin will also be attending at St George Hospital as a Chaplain. *Fr Yacub*

WALZ STREET CLOSURE – SATURDAY, 30TH APRIL

Bayside Council is closing Walz Street for Ramadan celebrations **next Saturday 30th April**. Vehicles will not be permitted to enter or exit Walz Street between 5.00pm and 1.00am on Sunday morning.

The Walz Street entrance to St Joseph's Church grounds will be closed and all traffic for the 6:30pm Mass. Parishioners are to enter the school playground parking area via Parker Street. Only pedestrian traffic will be able to access the church.

Please note the school grounds will be locked up promptly following Mass and any cars left in the grounds will have to remain until the gates are opened for the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will reopen at 9am this coming **Tuesday, 26th April**.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe!

Alleluia!



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Today, Sunday, 24th April, the Second Sunday of Easter and is the Feast of Divine Mercy. The feast day will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church from 2.00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Prayers & Reconciliation followed at 3:00pm with Benediction & Mass. Light refreshments will follow.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICES



This coming Monday 25th April is ANZAC Day, and the local Dawn Services are scheduled to commence at 6.00am and will be held at Bexley RSL and the Cenotaph in Arncliffe Park. Please come along and support those who fought and died for our country.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Don't forget to fill in all the details on the slip if you wish to receive a tax deduction.



GABBIES SEWING ANGELS

Gabbies Sewing Angels continue with their great work despite the Covid pandemic. During the past 12 months we have had to suspend our work in the hall from time to time. However, the production of beautiful garments and items has continued at home. We recently contributed goods to the community of St Bernadette's church at Clemton Park who organised two containers of goods to Tonga.

This week we will be seeking your support to continue our work with a raffle of four beautiful rugs. Tickets will be on sale at the church doors at Bexley after Mass. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE

All parish volunteers who are Acolytes, Readers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Choir members, are required to update their status by attending a training session. Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 concerns the Safeguarding Office has decided to present all training online or via zoom. The most important thing is to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our communities and we can do this by presenting via zoom or online.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> (which is a different link from the other online training registrations). Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training a minimum of three years ago.

Volunteer Refresher training is available online or via Zoom. The last available date for the Zoom Refresher Training is listed here. Volunteers will simply need to register their attendance by emailing: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lachlan Robinson and Robert Gwyther.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gayus Donoghue, Margaret Devi, Lynette Mason, Monica Maxwell, Maxwell Kane, Leonilde Del Vecchio, Rafael Ripoll, Teresita Bautista, Bianco & Quindao family and Len, Joan & Trish Coleman.

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.

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.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in **churches** especially with a new version of the virus in the community.
- 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 to join the queue before standing up.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you do not think you have Covid and just a sore throat or a simple cold which is highly indicative of the virus.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY

Sydney Catholic Schools want to hear from local parishioners about educational options, especially in regard to the inner-city Sydney CBD. You are invited to complete a survey about educational opportunities. This survey will take 5 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain confidential. By completing the survey, you will go into a draw to win one of four \$100 grocery gift vouchers. The survey closes on Sunday, 1 May. Survey link: https://scs.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cqU51k2sWP5FrM

LOVE & TRUTH - RETREAT DAY FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

"Together we are Called" is a retreat day for married and engaged couples organised by the Love and Truth Team of the Emmanuel Community. This will be held on **Saturday, 7th May** from 9.30am to 9.00pm at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. The cost of \$80 per couple will include all meals and use of the facilities. This is a great opportunity to spend quality time away from the busyness of life as a couple and reflect on the meaning of marriage and listen to talks. There will be time for personal prayer, reflection and opportunities to share both as a couple and in a group setting. Practical workshops on living life as a couple will be held in the afternoon. Mass will be celebrated on the day. For further information or questions, phone Bernadette on 0423 102 066 email: emmanuel Sydney events@gmail.com

CATHOLIC HELP WITH ALCOHOLISM AND ADDICTION

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for the virtue of total abstinence, promoting our spiritual development, and striving for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member. Contact calixsydney@outlook.com for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a crucial step toward recovery and saving a life.