

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)

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR B - 5 & 6 JUNE 2021

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

St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 - Principal: Ms Zeina Chalich

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>)	9.00am
Sunday Masses		10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	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	10.30am 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. The 2 square metre rule and must be strictly observed.		
1st Reading: Ex 24:3-8; 2nd Reading: Heb 9:11-15; Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 115:12-13.15-18

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. *R/*

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. *R/*

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord
I will fulfil before all his people. *R/*



FAREWELL MASS FOR FR FRANK REGALA

As Fr Frank Regala has been transferred to Cronulla Parish later this month, a farewell Mass for Father will be held at **10.30am next Sunday, 13th June** at St Joseph's. A special collection will be taken at all Masses in our twinned parishes **NEXT weekend** for Fr Frank. All parishioners are most welcome to join us for this Farewell Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep the young ones preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide them and deepen their faith and commitment. Confirmation will be held in St Joseph's Church this coming week with Bishop Richard Umbers.

DEMPSEY MEDALS AWARDED TO SIX PARISHIONERS

Our sincere congratulations to the three couples from our twinned parishes who have been awarded 2021 Dempsey Medals by the Archbishop of Sydney. They are:

- **Terry & Jude McBride**
- **Robert & Kathryn Phillips**
- **Peter & Ellen Gillett**

The couples hail from the Arncliffe, Bexley, and Rockdale areas within the parishes, respectively. Their medals will be presented by the Archbishop Anthony Fisher at St Mary's Cathedral during the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday 20th June**.

Thank you to all who helped with the nomination process.

ATM GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

This weekend at St Francis Xavier's we welcome Olivia Belevski and Louis Kurniadi. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



FAMILY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

This Sunday, please welcome the families and students from St Joseph's Primary School at the 10.30am Mass.

FUNERALS

- A Funeral Mass will be held at 10.30am on Monday for the late Margaret Lopez at St Gabriel's Bexley.
 - A Funeral Mass will be held at 10.00am on Tuesday for the late Lina Badalassi in St Joseph's Church.
- Please keep their families in your prayers at this sad time.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope Program for the coming New Financial Year, or any who may want to change their 'tax category' for claiming a tax-deduction, are asked to please contact the Parish Office (9567 1558) as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences. **If anyone has changed their address or phone number, please notify the office so we can adjust our records.** Any enquiries are most welcome. If you are paying income tax each year, some of the envelopes can be used for a 30% Tax Deduction to off-set your payable income tax.

Please note the last weekend for giving to the parish for this financial year will be **the weekend 26/27 June**. Any donations received after **Sunday 27th June** will go into the next financial year. This includes dropping your envelopes to the Parish Office during the week. Sunday 28th is the absolute deadline.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2021/22 Financial Year will be available in the coming weeks from the church you have nominated.

However, due to the decline in parishioners in the Planned Giving Program, a number of parishioners will find that they have a new number for the new financial year. In the past few years, we have ordered envelopes only to find some people have not picked up or used their envelopes; have left the parishes or passed away. As the parish needs to save money the numbers have been consolidated to use up unclaimed numbers in each church. This does not mean a change of Taxable/Non-taxable category, simply a new number within the respective category.

SAVE OUR GRAVES E-PETITION

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition to send a strong message to NSW MPs to reverse the decision to remove faith-based groups from the management of cemeteries. This issue is to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW. For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families. The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials, including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations. To sign the e-petition go to: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal.

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary places her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance still required us to observe the **two-square metre rule. Our three churches are limited for numbers attending.**
- Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Masks are no longer compulsory for attending Mass but still recommended.
- Congregational singing is now allowed again.
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **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 go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney 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 enquiries@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: Margaret Lopez and Lina Badalassi.

ANNIVERSARIES: Lora Sultana, Nunziatina Paratore, Bartolo Manfre, Angela Biviano, Natale Danieletto, Margaret Byrne, Maria Laus, Antoinette Salvo, Alan Marsh and Kevin O'Brien.

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 rest in peace. Amen.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Be faithful and lose not one opportunity of merit that presents itself to you." 26.4.1873

