

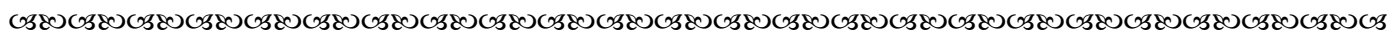
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 28 & 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

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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 Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am 12.00pm (<i>First Sunday only Urdu</i>) 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>Num 11:25-29</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>James 5:1-6</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 18:8,10,12-14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *R/*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *R/*

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. *R/*

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. *R/*



HAPPY FEAST DAY ST GABRIELS

A very happy feast day is extended to all our St Gabriel's parishioners for the Feast of the Archangels for this Sunday, 29th September. A celebration of 85 years of education was held this past Thursday with a special Mass. This is a great achievement for a small parish school. Congratulations and thank you St Gabriel's Parish to all who have contributed to both church and school over the years.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

The annual appeal for Catholic mission will be held **next weekend, 5 and 6 October** with a **third collection after Holy Communion** at all Masses. There are envelopes on the pews, and we ask that you take one home and return it next weekend. If you require a tax-deduction, please tick the box and fill in **ALL** the required information, **especially the amount** you are giving.

HEALING MASS

A 'Healing Mass' will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, 126 Liverpool Rd, Enfield on **Friday, 4th October** commencing at 7.00pm with The Rosary and Reconciliation between 7-8pm, 7.30pm Prayer and Praise and 8.00pm Mass. The celebrant will be Fr Yacub. There is off-street parking at the rear of the church, enter from Baker St. Enquiries: Rose 8068 3845 / 0412 115 961 or email rosetwymansydney@gmail.com



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth;
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!



FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held this coming **Tuesday, 1st October** at 10.00am in St Josephs Church for the late Brian Dwyer. Please keep his mother and family in your prayers at this sad time.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED TO HELP OUT

More assistance is needed to take the Blessed Sacrament to Catholics in local nursing homes. We have been recently asked to assist at Fairmont Nursing Home in Dunmore St, Bexley. We have recently had a couple of dedicated Eucharistic Ministers leave our parish or 'retire' and those who are assisting, are being asked to give more of their time. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758 if you have an hour or two either each week or even once a fortnight.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary. There will be Rosary recited **each evening at 6.00pm** from this coming Tuesday, until 31st October in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course may commence soon if any parishioners have family or friends who have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Faith. Please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 (9am – 1pm Monday to Friday) or email admin@mmrc.org.au and give their contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age.

CATHOLICCARE - FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Are you wanting to take back control of your finances? Has gambling on poker machines or sports betting been getting in the way of your life? Our Financial Counselling program may be for you, providing **free** and **confidential** support to adults impacted by gambling harm, be it yourself or a loved one. Our service helps those who are affected by all forms of gambling and provides support to impacted family members. Reach out to our team to access non-judgemental, impartial, and confidential support. To start your journey with us, call us on 13 18 19 or visit catholiccare.org/financialcounselling

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO 7 SIGNIFICANT CHURCH SITES IN SYDNEY

The Emmanuel Community invites families, parish groups, and individuals to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on **Saturday, October 12**. Walking from Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney, to the Eileen O'Connor Centre, Coogee, the pilgrimage is a time of prayer and fraternity. For more information, updates and to register interest, email ecsydneycomms@gmail.com or website: <https://forms.gle/QqF7Dsoi6LV5HQDL9>

CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

Men and boys are reminded to remove caps, beanies and hoods, **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have a number of parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

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

- [Sydney's World Youth Day Generation] Our hopes for the Eucharistic Congress
- Big anniversaries for Sydney parishes
- Hundreds flock to men's conference on Seven Deadly Sins
- Fr John Iacono: Confession with Padre Pio
- How Stephen Lacey's daughter's brain tumour led both to Jesus
- Disciple Diaries: Mary was born deaf, but her heart heard God

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

The annual "Life, Marriage and Family Sunday", was established in response to the World Meeting of Families held in 2018, emphasising the universal call to celebrate and support family life. The Life, Marriage and Family Sunday event will be held again at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 20 October**, starting with Mass at 10:30 am. Married couples from Sydney parishes celebrating significant wedding anniversaries – 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50+ years can receive a certificate from Bishop Richard Umbers at the gathering at the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE BURSARY PROGRAM

St Aloysius' College is a Catholic, Jesuit school for boys founded in 1879 by the Society of Jesus. The College has a deliberate academic orientation and, in companionship with parents, offers a holistic formation for its students from Years 3 to 12.

The St Aloysius' College Bursary Program has been established to offer students an opportunity to avail themselves of a Jesuit education when ordinary enrolment is not affordable or sustainable. The bursaries are intended to assist those families who are most in need. St Aloysius' College seeks to graduate 'men for others' who are faithful and committed, integrating a deep spirituality with a passion for justice and academic excellence. Apply now for means-tested bursaries in Years 7, 2027 and beyond. Further information may be obtained from the College Website: www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au or by contacting the Registrar on 9936 5535 or email: registrar@staloyusius.nsw.edu.au

RECENTLY DECEASED: Monsignor John Usher, Brian Dwyer, Julie McDermott, and David Baker.

ANNIVERSARIES: Alma Alewood, Trish Coleman, Luigi Mainente, Edward & Sean Morgan, Rustico Acallar, and Elia, Grace, Les, George & Jean Spiteri.

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

"The Cross is my portion – it is also my sweet rest and support." (To Flora MacKillop 26.2.1872)

