

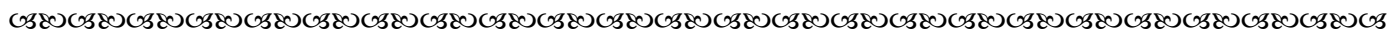
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 14 & 15 OCTOBER 2023

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SCHOOLS:

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

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 |
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| 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 | 10.00am 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>Is 25:6-10</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 4:12-14, 19-20</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 22:1-14</i> | | | |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps. 22

**I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *R/*

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. *R/*

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *R/*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!



NOVEMBER FEAST DAY MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY - Wednesday, 1st November

9.00am Arncliffe

9.00am Rockdale

10.00am Bexley

ALL SOULS DAY - Thursday, 2nd November

8.00am Marist Chapel

9.00am Arncliffe

9.00am Rockdale

10.00am Rockdale (Italian)

10.00am Bexley (**Please note change of time**)

7.00pm Rockdale

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are now available at our churches. Please endeavour to have your Mass Offering for November in the collection plates by **Sunday, 29th October**. This will enable your loved ones to be prayed for during the whole month of November.

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

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** until Tuesday, 31st October in St Joseph's Church. This includes weekends. Please come along and join with all other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



PRAYERS FOR OUR HSC STUDENTS

Please keep in your prayers, the students from our parishes who commenced their HSC exams this past week. We wish them good luck with their results as they end their formal school years.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO VISIT AGED CARE HOMES

If there are any current or past Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have some spare time, the Parish needs help taking Holy Communion to the residents of local aged care facilities. Two of our volunteers are resigning at the end of this year and we only have a few volunteers to cover the numbers of Catholics in local facilities. If you are willing to have flu and Covid vaccines and Police Checks, we would love to have your assistance. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Prayer Gatherings: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk, Fellowship in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Saturdays commencing at 2:30pm. Special guests:
Saturday 21 October – Ron Maldigri
Saturday 28 October – Marina George
Enquiries: Helen (0433 455 114), Ida (0424 267 500)

PARISH WEBSITE: www.mmrc.org.au

Have you visited our parish website yet? The website combines the Mary MacKillop Rockdale City (Arncliffe and Rockdale) and St Gabriel's Bexley. The Parish Bulletin is uploaded each week if you can't get to Mass. You can make secure online payments and donations through the "Support the Parish" page or contact the Parish Office through the "Contact Us" page to make enquiries, Mass offerings or to volunteer your time in any of our Parish ministries.

VIRTUOUS MAN: MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a Silent Retreat for Men from **20-22 October** at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park. The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>

OREMUS DAY RETREAT

Come along on **Saturday, 28th October** from 10am-4pm in the beautiful grounds and chapel at St. Martha's Leichhardt, deepen your relationship with Christ, renew your prayer life, and grow in confidence to pray with others. The day includes Mass, Confession, adoration, talks and more. The venue, St Martha's is the former Sydney Catholic Schools office site, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt. Cost \$28.50 (+booking fees) All welcome. Register www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events.

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

- Palestinian Christians plead for peace amid Holy Land violence
- Dan Schutte on the writing of "Here I am Lord"
- Family reunited after six agonising years of separation
- Monica Doumit on the Voice to Parliament
- Dr Michael Walker on Pope Francis' Laudate Deum

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2024 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

CHURCH MUSIC THROUGH THE YEAR

St Mary's Singers at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney presents a program of liturgical choral music.

The program includes:

- For unto us a child is born, Handel
- Emendemus in melius, Byrd
- Hallelujah Chorus, Handel
- Veni Creator Spiritus Chant for Pentecost
- Ave Maria (Op.23 No.2) Mendelssohn
- Coronation Mass (Krönungsmesse) Mozart Christ the King
- Salve Regina, Liszt
- The heavens are telling (The Creation) Haydn

To be held in St Mary's Cathedral on **Friday, 17**

November at 7.00pm. The cost is:

Premium - \$35.00

General - \$25.00

Concession - \$15.00

Under 16 years - free

Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/1097546>.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still recommended in churches, as Covid is still very much in our local community.
- Please do not come to Mass if you are Positive for Covid, unwell or even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.
- When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable distancing from others who are in the line. Please wait until there is space before joining the queue.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Karen Simonet (Fisher)

ANNIVERSARIES: Francesco Zirilli, Rita Barbaresco, Marie Mohareb and Margaret Robertson.

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 prayer of a humble heart is a powerful weapon."
26.4.1873

