



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

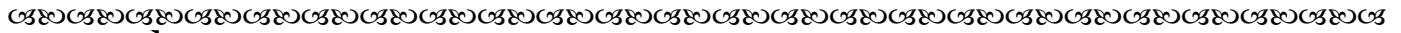
Looking after the Churches of St Gabriel's, Bexley, St Joseph's, Rockdale, and St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe



PALM SUNDAY - YEAR B - 27 & 28 MARCH 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 7.30pm First Friday each month	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.		
1 st Reading: <i>Is 50:4-7</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 2:6-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 26:14-27:66</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' *R/*



Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. *R/*

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! *R/*

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.



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HOLY WEEK WITH CARITAS

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. The initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965 – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns. For many, Project Compassion's iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder around home, school, church and the community that it is time to support Caritas Australia's annual appeal.



Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality. During the COVID-19 pandemic, local partnerships have helped Caritas Australia to respond quickly to minimise the spread of the coronavirus.

This year, Caritas Australia has presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few stories amongst the millions of people who have been helped through Project Compassion. We would like to thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES

Please note: Once the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except in an emergency situation.

Second Rite (Communal celebration)

Tuesday, 30th March at Rockdale - 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

Italian Confessions

Wednesday, 31st March for 30 minutes **before and after** the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY 1st April

7.00pm Arncliffe 7.00pm Bexley
7.00pm Rockdale (St Joseph's Church will be open after Mass till Midnight for prayer and adoration)

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

Stations of the Cross

10.00am Bexley – Rockdale – Arncliffe

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Bexley – Rockdale – Arncliffe

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe
6.30pm Rockdale

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April

9.00am Mass Arncliffe
9.00am Mass Bexley
9.00am Mass Rockdale (Italian)
10.30am Mass Rockdale
11.30am Mass Rockdale
5.00pm Mass Bexley

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As is the custom around the world, there will be a collection plate at the entrances to our churches on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross as well as at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion for the Good Friday Collection. The monies collected are forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat to assist with the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Christ's Life, Passion and Death in the Holy Land. You do not need to give twice if you attend both ceremonies. Many thanks for your financial support.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from 1.00pm this coming Thursday 2nd April, re-opening Wednesday 7th April at 9am. The office will also be closed on ANZAC Day, Thursday, 25th April.

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.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Aurelia Suarez.

ANNIVERSARIES: Paulo Taufaa, Grace Di Matteo, Giovanni Santoro, Tamara Jordanoski, Vittorio Lombardi, Leslie Chapman, Mauro Di Benedetto, Una Devine, Maria D'Aversa, Quintin Espolon, Estrella Ponio, Anna Lampret, Harikleia Stratigos, John Stratigos & Nicholas de Guzman.

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.

A PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*

UPDATED RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Restrictions on church attendance have eased further to allow **a two-square metre rule. Our three churches are still limited for numbers attending.** If there are too many people attending then those coming late may be asked to attend another Mass.
- Masks are no longer compulsory to attend Mass but are still recommended.
- Congregational singing is not allowed in our churches as we are not going to use the 4 square metre rule.** We want to allow more people to attend Mass so we will be using the 2 square metre rule.
- 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, even with a simple cold.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in a 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.

200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

If anyone has old photos from their school days at St Gabriel's Primary School, they would be grateful if you could share them for a celebration this year. Please phone the school on 9502 1932 if you can help out.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 11th April, is the Second Sunday of Easter and is also the Feast of Divine Mercy. This 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. For more information contact 0403 165 459

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"We are so little, so imperfect, and God is so great, so good." 28.10.1889

