

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 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - 18 & 19 JUNE 2022

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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>Gen 14:18-20</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Cor 11:23-26</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 9:11-17</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 109:1-4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' *R/*

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. *R/*

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. *R/*

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' *R/*



FUNERAL

The funeral for the late Jennifer Laifoo will be held in St Francis Xavier's **this coming Tuesday, 21st June** at 10.00am. Please keep her family in your prayers at this sad time.

WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION

Sydney's Procession of the Blessed Sacrament *Walk with Christ* is on **this Sunday, 19th June**. Please gather on the corner of Martin Place and Pitt St at 1.30pm as there will be entertainment. Look for the banner of St Mary MacKillop's Parish and walk together as a parish group to the Cathedral at 2:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our public support for our Catholic faith as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our city's streets.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

The 29th of June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. It has long been customary on the Sunday close to this great Feast Day, to give people the opportunity to support the work of the Holy Father. Therefore, **next weekend, 25th and 26th June**, there will be a Leaving Collection following all the Masses. All the monies collected from across the Archdiocese will be forwarded directly to the Holy See via the Archdiocesan Chancery. The monies will enable Pope Francis to support his charitable and pastoral ministries throughout the world. There will be envelopes on the seats but there is no tax deduction available.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



COMBINED FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined St Joseph's and Marist College Kogarah Mass for students and families. A Sausage Sizzle will follow the Mass. **Please note that the school grounds will be locked for vehicle access. Parking will be available on the tennis court in Parker St.** All welcome. ☺

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2022/23 Financial Year are now available from the church you have nominated.

N.B. The weekend of June 25 & 26 June will be the last weekend for this taxation year for putting in your Planned Giving envelopes. Any donations received after **Sunday 26th June** will go into the next financial year. This includes dropping envelopes to the Parish Office during the week or paying online after 26th.

If any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope Program for the coming New Financial Year 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. By donating to the parish through Planned Giving, you are able to obtain a 30% taxation deduction at the end of the financial year.

If anyone has changed their address or phone number, please notify the office so we can adjust our records. This is particularly important if you have disconnected your old land line phone and have only a mobile phone. Any enquiries about the program are most welcome. ☺

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from **next Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June**. On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with His Grace at **St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30am Mass**, after which families participate in the 'Festival of Families' beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children. More information and resources for this event are available at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to a night of prayer and reparation on **Friday June 24th** at St Mel's Parish, 7 Evaline street, Campsie on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus through to Saturday the 25th of June, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Doors open 8.30pm Solemn Mass to commence at 9pm followed by Rosary and Re-dedication & Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. short break at 11.45pm. Resume with Rosary and Morning Mass at 12.30am. Programme will end at 1.30am. Further enquiries on 0403 578 994

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Keeping kids in Catholic schools. School leaders back families in financially challenging times.
- Who's in church? The young! New figures reveal a national surprise.
- Walking the walk. Premier's massive boost to Palliative Care.
- Platinum honours: Catholics across the nation named in Queen's Birthday list.

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.

NEWS ON THE PLENARY COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

The 2nd Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia meets from **3-9 July in Sydney** to discern responses and vote on propositions to guide renewal of the Church in Australia. Members will make their final responses to the question: What is God asking of us as a Church in Australia at this time? People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage in support of the Assembly.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us. Access *Walking in the Spirit*: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2022

This popular Catholic youth conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year, featuring sacraments, rallies, inspiring speakers, workshops and dance parties. It will be held this year from Thursday 29 September- Sunday 2 October at Freeman College Bonnyrigg. \$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Read more about the conference online: <https://igniteconference.com.au/> or email John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org for the discount code.

SYDNEY HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE

A commemorating for all individuals who have died while experiencing homelessness in the past year will be led by the End Street Sleeping Collaboration on **this coming Tuesday 21 June**, at 6.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral Square, College St, Sydney. All welcome.

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 just have a sore throat, headache or a simple cold.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Maugeri and Jennifer Laifoo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuseppe Sullo, Margaret Rodgers, Domenico Giannini, Branko Kovacevic, Alwyn Davis, Saydi Harb, Henny Herawati, Aurea & Francisco Dantas.

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 WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"May the Sacred Heart shield you and uphold you in every trouble" 27.6.1873

