

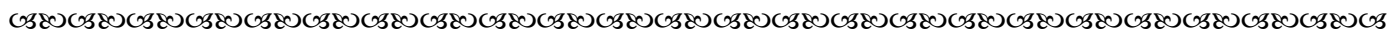
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A - 25 & 26 MARCH 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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> )	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		10.30am 6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	5.00pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday ( <i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 5.30pm</i> ) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday ( <i>Benediction at 8.45am</i> )
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
<b>BAPTISMS</b>	10.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Ezek 37:12-14</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Rom 8:8-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 11:1-45</i>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALMS 129

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**



Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. *R/*

If you, O Lord, should make our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. *R/*

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) *R/*

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *R/*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



**Please donate to Project Compassion.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

### PALMS REQUESTED FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.** Parishioners are requested to please bring their own piece of palm or olive branch to be blessed. If any parishioners have small palms growing in their yard and could spare a few fronds to share with others, they would be much appreciated. Also, if they could also be cut into smaller pieces this would make them more able to be shared. ☺



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE  
RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES**

**First Rite (Individual) Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April**

8.00am – 8.45am Bexley;  
4.00pm – 4.30pm Arncliffe;  
5.30pm – 6.00pm Rockdale

**Italian Reconciliation**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10 -10.30am

**Second Rite (Communal celebration)**

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at Rockdale - 5.30pm** followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

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

**HOLY THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**GOOD FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Stations of the Cross**

10.00am Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

3.00pm Arncliffe –Rockdale – Bexley

**HOLY SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April**

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe  
6.30pm Rockdale

**EASTER SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023**



The parish children will be making their First Reconciliation during this coming week. May they find forgiveness through their Reconciliation.

**SCHOOL MASS NEXT SUNDAY AT ST JOSEPHS**

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined school's Mass with St Joseph's Rockdale and Marist College Kogarah.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday's during Lent at 6.00pm at St Francis Xavier's Church and at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church followed by Mass at 7.30pm.



**WALKING WITH OUR LADY  
THROUGH HOLY WEEK**

A Womens Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia will be held on Saturday, 1 April from 10am-4pm at St Peter Chanel Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala. Along with talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Register online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGHGO>

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, 16<sup>th</sup> April in St Joseph's Church from 2.00pm.

**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.

**WALZ STREET CLOSURE**

Bayside Council is closing the Walz Street for the celebration of Ramadan in Bayside. Vehicles will not be permitted to park in Walz Street between 4.30pm to 8.30pm and no vehicle will be allowed to enter or exit Walz Street between 5.00pm and 1.00am on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April**.

The Walz Street entrance to St Joseph's Church grounds will be closed and all traffic for the 6:30pm Mass and parishioners are to enter the school playground parking area via Railway and Parker Streets. Please note that the church/school grounds will be locked up at 7.30pm promptly following Mass and any cars left in these areas will have to remain until the gates are opened for the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass. Please do not plan to attend the festival and to park in the school grounds.

**THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- Violence and staff shortages triggers stress for principals
- Bishop Meagher commissions 13 young catechists for Sydney
- New York speakers to lead marriage renewal retreat and course in May
- New Bishop installed for Newcastle diocese
- Catholic schools celebrate St Patrick's Day

**MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES**

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission. To be held from Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May at SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. Early bird closes April 12. See the website: [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au) for more information.

**RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES**

- **Masks are still highly 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 behind others.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Clare Keating, Alice Lavulo and Lawrence D'Cruze.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francesco Savo, Grace Di Matteo, Patrick Prior, Giovanni Santoro, Tamara Jordanoski,

**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

"Be true and generous." 16.12.1900

