

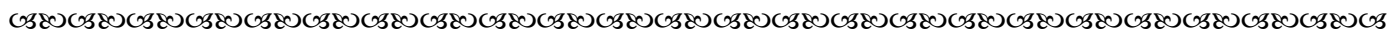
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 7 & 8 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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 Debbie Heckenberg

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	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 5:1-7</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 4:6-9</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 21:33-43</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – ps 79:9.12-16.19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. *R/*



Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. *R/*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *R/*

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!



GREETINGS FROM JERUSALEM

Fr Yacub has safely arrived in Jordan and is now on his way to Bethlehem. He offered prayers for our well-being, safety, and prosperity during his journey. He looks forward to seeing us all soon.

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Many thanks, to the parishioners who contributed to the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend. Your ongoing prayerful and practical support is very much appreciated. Donations are still being received, please place your offering in one of the special envelopes and put it in any collection plate at Mass. Final donations will be accepted next weekend.

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.



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.

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/>

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

All families are invited to come to **10:30 Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 22nd October**, with an opportunity for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families. Join us after Mass at the Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate. RSVP by no later than **6 October** at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>

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.

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

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

- Crisis in Armenia: Catholic parliamentarians on refugee crisis frontline
- Voice to Parliament: Pat Farmer's run for the voice ends
- George Weigel: No, the Synod on Synodality isn't the most important event since Vatican II
- Pope Francis responds to cardinals' dubia on eve of synod

BILLINGS LIFE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Billings LIFE, Leaders in Fertility Education, will be conducting a Teacher Training Program for those interested in becoming Billings Ovulation Method® teachers or who are interested in learning more about the Method. The training program will take place in Sydney on **November 4/5** at St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie From 9 am - 5 pm. To register your interest or to find out more about the program, please get in touch with Lynne (lynneanderson@thebillingsovulationmethod.org) or Jenny (jennykelly@thebillingsovulationmethod.org) or call us on 1800 335 860 or (03) 9802 2022 Monday, Tuesday or Friday.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

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

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: Michael O'Connell, Elvis Vaz and Jane Thornton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Darcy & Joan Kearney, Rosa Garcia, Franjo Srncic, Giovanni Sias, Elia Karim, Rita Caforio, Maria Carnabuci, Salvatore Catalano, Mary Caruana, Ethel Donoghue, Robert Bird,

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

"I felt peace and the warmest confidence that out of these terrible troubles, and scandals even, good would come." To Monsignor Kirby 1873

