

# 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)

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 29 & 30 OCTOBER 2022

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

**Assistant Parish Priest** – Fr Norvin Dias



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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> 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
<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.		
1st Reading: <i>Wis 11:22 - 12:2</i> ; 2nd Reading: <i>2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 19:1-10</i>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 144:1-2.8-11.13-14**  
**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
 I will bless your name for ever.  
 I will bless you day after day  
 and praise your name for ever. *R/*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
 slow to anger, abounding in love.  
 How good is the Lord to all,  
 compassionate to all his creatures. *R/*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
 and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
 They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
 and declare your might, O God. *R/*

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
 and loving in all his deeds.  
 The Lord supports all who fall  
 and raises all who are bowed down. *R/*



**ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES**  
All Saints Day Masses - Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November  
 9.00am Arncliffe 10.00am Bexley 7.00pm Rockdale

**ALL SOULS DAY MASSES**  
All Souls Day Masses - Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 8.00am Marist Chapel 9.00am Arncliffe  
 9.00am Rockdale (School) 10.00am Rockdale (Italian)  
 10.00am Bexley 7.00pm Rockdale

**WELCOME HOME FATHER YACUB**  
 Please welcome Father Yacub home from his month-long holiday in Pakistan. We hope he is much refreshed by a long overdue break.

**COMBINED SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS**  
 This Sunday, the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's will be a combined Marist College and St Joseph's Primary School Mass. There will be a morning tea for the parishioners following the Mass. All welcome.

**ROSARY IN OCTOBER**  
 Thank you to Father Norvin and those who assisted him in reciting the Rosary at St Joseph's each night during this past month. The Rosary will continue until this coming Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please come along and join with other parishioners in reciting the Rosary.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
 God loved the world so much,  
 he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in  
 him might have eternal life.  
**Alleluia!**

## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Envelopes may be found in the Church foyers or on the Offertory Tables. These envelopes may be then placed in the collection plates. The Stipend for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively. **Please note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November, they are only available during the other months of the year.**

## CWF APPEAL

The final Appeal for this calendar year will be held **next weekend, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> November with a third collection after Holy Communion.** Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If the quota is not met, then the amount is taken from parish funds. There are envelopes on the seats. Please take one home and return with your donation next weekend. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided and tick the appropriate boxes.

## RCIA PROGRAM

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program will commence this week. Please keep the candidates and their sponsors in your prayers.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE

A parish pilgrimage is being planned for 27 April to 9 May 2023. Fr Yacub will be leading this and would love to have some of our parishioners join him on the journey. They will be travelling to Rome and the Holy Land. Cost is from \$3,830.00 per person/twin share **excluding flights**. Brochures are available in each of the churches for you to take home and think about joining the group. There is an 'Expression of Interest' form on the back so you can find out more details. **All parishioners welcome!**

## LIMITED STOCK OF SPECIAL VOTIVE CANDLES

The Parish has purchased a limited number of special votive candles. They are designed for use at home as a tribute to a loved one, or holy devotion. They are on sale now for \$35 in our Piety Stalls. They glow continuously for 300 days, and 2 x Alkaline size D Batteries are included with the purchase.

## ORDER OF THE MASS CARDS

Due to the Covid outbreak, the Parish retired the old and well-worn Order of the Mass cards. In future, rather than having general use cards, new Mass cards, are A4 in size and are laminated, and will be available for purchase from the Piety Stall for \$2.00 each. Parishioners will then be able to have their own personal Mass card to bring when they attend Mass.

## A DAY FOR COUPLES WITHOUT KIDS

Have you been unable to, or are struggling to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or still birth? Please consider attending the "You are not alone" day retreat held on the 12th of November at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa. The day will be facilitated by the Life Marriage and Family team in collaboration with the Emmanuel Community and will include Mass, talks, prayer, reflection and couple sharing. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited, please RSVP by 4th November at [www.trybooking.com/CCDHI](http://www.trybooking.com/CCDHI)

## 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.

## PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!

Next Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, St Gabriel's Parish are assisting Vinnie's Van Services by feeding the homeless around Sydney. Volunteers are requested to come along to St Gabriel's Church Hall this Saturday at 4.30pm and help make sandwiches. Donations of fillings for the sandwiches would also be gratefully accepted, such as cheese, cold meats, vegemite, boiled eggs etc. All assistance would be gratefully accepted. 😊

## 2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2023 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SYDNEY STREET FEAST

On **Friday 18 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2022>

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- \* Culture Wars V Common Sense
- \* Archbishop Fisher: Historic U.S. speech
- \* Saint John Paul II Shrine opens
- \* Book review: Ring of Power: Any Good?
- \* An icon for New Zealand

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## RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Masks are still highly recommended in churches.**
- 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 and distance before joining the queue.
- **Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you just have a sore throat or a simple cold.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jana Talevska and Luciano Barroga.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bess Vogel, Patrick Byrne, Stephen Whelan, Ron Grasso and Mary Pearce.

**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

"Yet for all that, my good God watched over me and guarded me when I did not try to guard myself." 1873

