

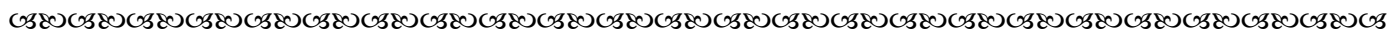
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 8 & 9 JULY 2023

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
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>Zech 9:9-10</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Rom 8:9, 11-13</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 11:25-30</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - ps 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/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you
have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!



FATHER YACUB'S BIRTHDAY DINNER

– CHANGE OF DATE!!

Father has changed the date for his birthday celebration to **SATURDAY, 5th August at 7.30pm** following the 6.30pm Mass at St Joseph's. If you have replied that you would attend on the Friday night and now cannot make it, please contact the parish office to cancel your booking.

To assist us with the event preparations, we kindly request that you provide your full name and indicate the number of people attending with you by completing the RSVP form **by THIS Sunday, 9th July**. The RSVP Entry Pass slip will be available at the entrance of the church. Please tear off the designated portion of the entry pass only and bring it with you on the day of the event, as it will serve as your entry pass.

We regret to inform you that no entry will be permitted without a valid entry pass slip, as it is necessary for catering purposes. Please DO NOT contact the parish office to book your attendance.

Father has requested NO gifts, but if you are able, a generous contribution towards helping the Pakistani children would be greatly appreciated. Fr Yacub is looking forward to celebrating his special occasion with us all. 😊

CONFIRMATION 2023

This information is for the parents of students currently in Years 5 and 6 or older and who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The Parent Information Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 3rd August** at 7.00pm, St Joseph's Hall in Rockdale. If your son or daughter is to receive the Sacrament this year, it is expected that one of the parents or a carer attends this meeting. The preparation classes will be held on the four Sundays of August and the Confirmations will be held in September.

PASSING OF FATHER NORVIN'S MOTHER

Please keep Father Norvin in your prayers as he mourns the passing of his mother, Leena Dias. Father has gone home to India for a few weeks to be with his family.

During his absence, Fr Geoff Plant will be assisting Father Yacub with Masses at St Gabriel's.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE)

Many thanks, to those who gave last weekend to the Holy Father's Appeal. The donations will be passed via the Archdiocese Chancery account.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2023/24 Financial Year please do so as soon as possible.

** Receipts are now available in your preferred church.**

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Lisbon, here we come! Pilgrims prepare for World Youth Day 2023
- Cross taken down from Calvary as hospital acquisition D-Day arrives
- Professor Patrick McArdle: Calvary Takeover shows narrowing space for faith
- Grit, family and faith puts Sienna back on court
- Classical education seminar keeps small fires burning
- The Covenant review: war flick shows the power of promises

RETREAT DAY

Jesus Light of the World Communities invite you to join them on Saturday, 29 July from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm in St Joseph's Church Hall, Rockdale. "You are Victorious" is the theme with Marina George, who is a devoted Catholic preacher lady who loves sharing her deep relationship with God the Father, the love of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Booking Essential, FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea. Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114 or Ida – 0424 267 500
Email: jlowcommunity@gmail.com

"TAP & GO" MACHINES IN OUR CHURCHES

Parishioners are asked to give to our parishes via the Tap & Go machines which are located in each of our churches. It is a quick and easy way to donate when people don't bring cash to Mass to put on the collection plates. This money goes directly into the parish account and not sent elsewhere. The benefit for the parish of receiving monies this way is to enable us to receive the money instantly and to allow us to have money available for payment for upkeep of the parishes, the utilities and the facilities. It's an added donation to us and we would love it if you can take more advantage of it. ☺

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: JOIN MARY MACKILLOP PLACE!

Mary MacKillop Place (MMP) holds a special place in Australia and for our Church. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, our mission is to create sacred oasis of welcome peace, pilgrimage, education, community engagement, personal and spiritual growth, and social action for all.

At its core is the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, where the tomb of St Mary MacKillop rests, together with the Museum that shares the inspiring story of her life.

Situated in North Sydney and conveniently accessible by public transport, MMP is currently in search of enthusiastic volunteers who will warmly welcome and assist visitors to the MMP Museum.

If you enjoy interacting with people and have some spare time, please get it touch! Whether it's for a couple of hours, a day or two a week, fortnightly or month, we would love to have you on board! Rest assured, all necessary training and support will be provided.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager, or send an email to annie.bond@mmp.org.au.

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.

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: Leena Dias and John Ryan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Vali, Carmen Abela, Cesarina Tardelli, Stephen Secheney, Angiolina De Chiara, Elisabetta De Giovanni, Catherine Asplet, Paul Girardi, Noreen Clifford, Annette Gallagher, Rolando Ramos, Louis & Ann Zammit, Carmen Grech, Michael Caruana, Robert Gwyther, Kevin O'Brien, Anita Bainbridge and Charles & Mary Caruana,.

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

"Do all you can to assist and love one another."
(28.1.1890)

