



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)



PALM SUNDAY - 9 & 10 APRIL 2022

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SCHOOLS: **St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Carolyn Yeats
St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Acting 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>Is 50:4-7</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Phil 2:6-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 22:14-23:56</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
 They curl their lips they toss their heads.
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
 let him release him if this is his friend.' *R/*

Many dogs have surrounded me,
 a band of the wicked beset me.
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
 I can count every one of my bones. *R/*

They divide my clothing among them.
 They cast lots for my robe.
 O Lord, do not leave me alone,
 my strength, make haste to help me! *R/*

I will tell of your name to my brethren
 and praise you where they are assembled.
 'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
 all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
 Revere him, Israel's sons.' *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
 dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
 and gave him a name above all other names.

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PALM SUNDAY

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry, and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come. It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone. Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from 1.00pm this coming **Thursday 14th April**, re-opening Tuesday 19th April at 9am. **The office will also be closed on ANZAC Day, Monday, 25th April.**

FUNERAL

A Requiem Mass will be held this coming **Wednesday, 13th April** at 10.30am in St Francis Xavier's for the Late Goder Bet. Please keep his family in your prayers.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

If there are any adults in our parishes who have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith, a series of instruction via ZOOM is being offered prior to the Confirmation of Adults in **St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 5th June.**

The first Zoom lesson will be on **Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm.** There are 4 lessons that must be attended. **Please email the Parish Office by 13th April** if you or a family member is interested.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As is the custom around the world, there will be a collection on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross as well as at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. The monies collected are forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat to assist with the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Christ's Life, Passion and Death in the Holy Land. You do not need to give twice if you attend both ceremonies. Many thanks for your financial support.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Don't forget to fill in all the details on the slip if you wish to receive a tax deduction.



NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

Thank you to those parishioners who took the time to submit the surveys over the past two weeks.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 24th April, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy. This is celebrated in St Joseph's Church from 2:00pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Divine Mercy Prayers & Reconciliation followed at 3:00pm with Benediction & Mass. Light refreshments will follow the Mass.

WALZ STREET CLOSURE – SATURDAY, 30TH APRIL

Bayside Council is closing Walz Street for Ramadan celebrations on **Saturday 30th April.** Vehicles will not be permitted to enter or exit Walz Street between 5.00pm and 1.00am on Sunday morning.

The Walz Street entrance to St Joseph's Church grounds will be closed to all traffic for the 6:30pm Mass. Parishioners are to enter the school playground parking area via Parker Street. Only pedestrian traffic will be able to access the church.

Please note the school grounds will be locked up 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.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"See the protecting...hand of God in all that is happening." 1885



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.

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 do not think you have Covid and just a sore throat or a simple cold which is highly indicative of the Omicron virus.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES

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

First Rite (Individual) **Saturday, 9th April**

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

Second Rite (Communal celebration)

Tuesday, 12th April at Rockdale - 5.30pm followed by Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7.00pm.

Italian Confessions **Wednesday, 13th April**
3.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY **14th April**

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

GOOD FRIDAY **15th April**

Stations of the Cross
10.00am Arncliffe – Rockdale – Bexley

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Arncliffe – Rockdale – Bexley

HOLY SATURDAY **16th April**

5.00pm Bexley 5.00pm Arncliffe
6.30pm Rockdale

EASTER SUNDAY **17th April**

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Goder Bet, Josefina Ocampo and Sr Yvonne Berecy FDNCS.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheelagh Mooney, Joan Coleman, Tess Dinan, Gregory Alderson, Stephen Mesar, Gordon Stride, John Stratigos, John Fraser, Youssef Nohra, Giuseppe Baldassarre, Domenica Catania, Yesmine & Tony Bazouni.

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.