

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)

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 20 & 21 AUGUST 2022

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 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 66:18-21</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Heb 12:5-7, 11-13</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 13:22-30</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 116

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! *R/*



Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father,
except through me.

Alleluia!

FREE TREE MULCH

Recently there were some trees trimmed on the parish property. Father kept the shredded mulch for his gardens but there is quite a lot left. If any parishioners would like to take some for their own gardens, please phone the office 9567 1558 and let us know when you will come to collect it. We are not keeping it on hold for anyone, first to come in gets the first load. You must bring your own bags or containers and we cannot offer any assistance to you. Please bear in mind that the mulch is a bit damp from the rain.

RCIA COURSE COMMENCING THIS WEEK

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course will commence **this Tuesday, 23rd August**. If any parishioners have family or friends who have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 or email admin@mmrc by this Monday morning and give contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age. The course will be held in the Rockdale Presbytery at 13 Parker St, Rockdale from 7.30 – 8.30pm each Tuesday. The course is highly recommended for parish parents who may not be Catholic, to learn more about the Catholic faith. **People MUST live in our parish boundaries of Rockdale, Arncliffe or Bexley.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parishes who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in a few weeks.



FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

Each of our three Church's have Piety Stalls with appropriate gifts for children who will receive their First Holy Communion soon. Please support our parishes by giving a Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

RCIA CERTIFICATION COURSE

If any parishioner would like to attend, an Archdiocesan Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Certification Course is being held later this month. Parishes are encouraged to seize this opportunity with both hands to build/establish RCIA within the community and thus provide spiritual renewal to every sphere of parish life. This is a fantastic opportunity for:

- ❖ RCIA Coordinators to receive further formation in the RCIA process and to form other prospective team members in the parish; and
- ❖ parishioners to receive an in-depth learning experience and start RCIA in their parish.

The course will cover the following aspects:

1. A deep dive into the four periods of RCIA;
2. Understanding the three major Rites of the RCIA liturgical journey;
3. The pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical formation that governs the entire process;
4. Resources to ensure a solid foundation and to stay organised and on track throughout the process.

The course begins on Tuesday, the 30th of August, and continues every other Tuesday for a total of six online sessions – 13 and 27 September, 11 and 25 October, and 8 November. Please register/share via this link: <https://forms.gle/q1ceKNW3UnZGNwGv9>.

TRANSFORMATION RETREAT

Fr Chris Eaton, from Missionaries of God's Love (MGL), Canberra, ACT will conduct a retreat day on Saturday, 27 August from 9 am – 5 pm including Mass, in St Joseph's Parish Hall Rockdale. Morning Tea and Lunch Provided. Booking essential: <https://trybooking.com/CASKV>
Inquiries: Helen 0422 455 114 Ida 0424267500

CATHOLIC LAY CHAPLAINS AT ST GEORGE HOSPITAL

Sister Maria Pineda and Gary Cartmer are Catholic Care Lay Chaplains at St George Public Hospital on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. They are there to provide emotional, spiritual and sacramental support to you or your family member. If you would like to contact them please call the Chaplains' Office on 9113 2189 and leave a message with the patient's name and they will provide ongoing support during their stay.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Are you available to assist in this most important of tasks? Can you spare some of your time once a week during school terms for a 30-minute lesson? No qualifications are needed. Free training and resources are provided. You can even help with a friend. If you can assist or would like further information, please contact Fr Yacub our parish priest on 9567 1558 or Lee Kendrick our catechist coordinator on 0422 257 331 about Catholic Scripture in Public Schools.

LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Legion of Mary members, past and present, along with their families and friends are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass at St Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady on **Saturday 10 September**.

10am - Opening Prayers
10:30am – Mass
12pm – Lunch
1pm – Program

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.

2022 ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher **at 10:30am on Sunday, 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral**. All families welcome! For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8480 Please RSVP by the 12th of September at <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE ASHFIELD REUNION

An ex-students and staff reunion will be held on **Friday, 25th November** commencing with Mass in the School Chapel at 6pm followed by a three-course dinner. Cost is \$80 per head and includes food and drinks. Seating is on tables of 10. Please RSVP to the College to book tickets on 9797 3200 by Friday, 4th November.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Joseph: The greatest patriarch
- The new drought: Home ownership
- Medals honour pillars of parish life
- Bob Denahy: Husband & father

The price is still only \$2.00.

SUPPORT CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **Covid is still with us!**
- **Masks are 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: Terence McBride and Mary Arena.

ANNIVERSARIES: Glenn Martin, Jose Guevara Erazo, Mario Desisto, Carmela Disibio, Tina Lombardo, Josiane Stajdohar, Bill Bela Gerber, Daphne Burton, Ramon Reyes, Luigi Bredice, Sydney Jacques, Phyllis Collins, John Donohue and Joan Morgan.

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 WACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"God is watching over you". 4.7.1876

