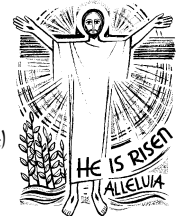




# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 13 & 14 MAY 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
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	9.00am	9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> )	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		10.30am	5.00pm
		6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	
<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	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1 Pet 3:15-18</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 14:15-21</i>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 65:1-7.16.20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' *R/*



'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. *R/*

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. *R/*

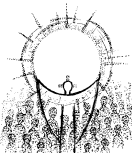
Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. *R/*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

All Catholic children currently in Year 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year are now invited to make their First Holy Communion. A parent information meeting will be held **this coming Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**, in St Joseph's Hall at 7.00pm. At least one parent or guardian of the child is expected to attend this meeting as the Registration Form for the programme will be handed out on the night. **The children are not required to attend this meeting.** Parking is available in the school grounds via Parker St, Rockdale.

### CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal held last weekend. Your ongoing financial support of the Archdiocese's initiatives is very much appreciated. Donations are still being accepted and may be placed in the special CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.

### CALVARY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Calvary Hospital invites anyone who is bereaved to our May Remembrance Service, especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Attendees are invited to bring a photo of their loved one. To be held, **next Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm in the Wollemi Room inside Calvary Hospital at 91-111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah. Please RSVP to Pastoral Care Manager 9553-3158.

### FUNERAL AT ST JOSEPHS

The Funeral for the late Basil Kohary will be held this coming **Tuesday 16th May** at 10.00am. Please keep his family in your prayers at this sad time.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any parishioners, particularly new parishioners, who wish to participate in the Planned Giving Envelope System for the coming New Financial Year are asked to contact the Parish Office via email: [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) and give some details. There is a 30% Tax Deduction incentive available if you are a wage earner and lodge a Tax Return at the end of each financial year.

If there are any parishioners who currently donate through the envelopes but who may want to change to a 'non-tax category', they are asked to please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can organise the changes before the new financial year commences. All enquiries are welcome.

N.B. Parishioners who have Envelope numbers 1-99 (Rockdale or Bexley) and 200-299 (Arncliffe) already qualify to claim the tax deduction in their tax return.

### HONOURING AUSTRALIA'S PATRONESS

A Procession for the Feast of Mary Help of Christians will be held next **Saturday 20th May** at 10:00am beginning at St Peters Church Devonshire St, Surry Hills, with a Pilgrim's Blessing and start of procession. This will be concluded at 12 noon at St Marys Cathedral with Mass in Honour of Mary Help of Christians Praying for World Peace (celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Meagher). Parish Banners and Flags Welcome!

### ASCENSION DAY RETREAT

Come to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia next **Sunday 21st May** from 10am-3pm. The day will feature Mass, presentations and Christian Meditation. Book display and morning tea provided, BYO picnic lunch. Masks are optional, recommended social distancing and vaccination for one's own personal protection. Enquiries: Ann Bergman; [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas; 9653 2637 / [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house Enquiries : Fr Michael Kelly – 0455 329 607 Email: [mkelly@silvestrini.org](mailto:mkelly@silvestrini.org)

### WALK WITH CHRIST PROCESSION

Sydney's annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. "Walk with Christ", is a public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney. To be held **on Sunday, 11th June** beginning with a gathering of parishes and groups and entertainment in Martin Place from 1.00pm. The procession to the Cathedral will commence at 2:30pm. The presence of the Eucharist in this joyful liturgical act invokes the benevolent spiritual blessings of Christ onto the city and all who live there. The blessing is derived from He who has been "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor ... to proclaim freedom for prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." It is in this way that the Walk with Christ is part of the spiritual and civic life of the city and Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our public support for our Catholic faith as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our city's streets.

### 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.

### GABBIES RAFFLE WINNERS!

Many thanks to all who supported Gabbies Raffle over the past weeks. ☺

The winners are as follows -

1st Prize Pauline Haddad  
2nd Prize Michael Winkler  
3rd Prize Father Yacub  
4th Prize Virginia Stichon

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
Did you complete the training at Rockdale last year? We urgently need your assistance to take Our Lord to Catholics in nursing homes in Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe. You will be very well supported in this vital parish ministry. Please contact Maree Ross 0428 103 758.

### JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITIES

"Day of Outpouring" with Ron Maldigri, Speaker, a Catholic Lay Evangelist in Sydney with the powerful gift of prophecy, deliverance and healing. **Saturday, 27 May** from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm in St Joseph's Hall, Rockdale. Booking Essential, FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea. Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114 Ida – 0424 267 500 Email: [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com)

### NOVENA OF ROSARIES TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

The Heartfelt Community's Bridget Sakr has launched a Rosary Crusade, aiming for 100,000 participants to pray the Rosary, nine days before the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. Let us unite across the country in praying through Mary's intercession to confront sin and to stand against the anti-Christian culture we are now facing in Australia. Sign up to the Rosary Crusade online: <https://tally.so/t/woEXRM>

### 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Basil Kohary, Nuala Ventura, Darrell Boesen, Desmond Pasfield, Patricia Pasfield, Zoroastro Cintra and Mayolo Reloj Jr.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elizabeth Workman, Gladys Oakes, Glorie Black, Joseph Lauricella, Andrej Bauk, Maria Nguyen and Phero Lo Van Minh.

**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

"May our good God help us all." (3.1.1876)

