

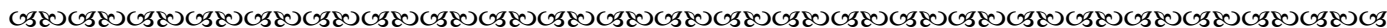
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Parish Priest** – Fr Yacub Barkat

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**SCHOOLS:**

**St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

**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> ) 10.30am	9.00am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		12.00pm ( <i>First Sunday only Urdu</i> )	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>Is 50:5-9</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>James 2:14-18</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mk 8:27-35</i>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 114:1-6,8-9**

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. *R/*

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! *R/*

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. *R/*

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. *R/*



### FAMILY MASS AT ST GABRIEL'S

**This Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**, the 9.00am Mass at St Gabriel's is a Family Mass for those children and families who attend St Gabriel's Primary and the local public schools. Welcome everyone. ☺

### BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Parker Hughes who will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We also welcome his family and friends who join him on this special occasion.



### 85 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT ST GABRIEL'S

This year St Gabriel's Primary School celebrates 85 years; established in 1939. A remarkable milestone! To mark this occasion the school will have a Mass in St Gabriel's Church on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am**. Parishioners are most welcome to join us to celebrate.

Many parishioners may have connections with the school community reaching back to those early founding years. Some families may have memorabilia that documents some of the early history of our school.

If you would like to share any memorabilia with the school, such as photos, newsletters, student awards, newspaper articles, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office via email at [info@stgbexley.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stgbexley.catholic.edu.au)

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**Alleluia!**



## HEALING MASS

A 'Healing Mass' will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, 126 Liverpool Rd, Enfield on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October** commencing at 7.00pm with The Rosary and Reconciliation between 7-8pm, 7.30pm Prayer and Praise and 8.00pm Mass. The celebrant will be Fr Yacub. There is off-street parking at the rear of the church, enter from Baker St. Enquiries: Rose 8068 3845 / 0412 115 961 or email [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course may commence soon 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 (9am – 1pm Monday to Friday) or email [admin@mmrc.org.au](mailto:admin@mmrc.org.au) and give their contact details. We need at least three people to make it worthwhile. This is open to all people over 16 years of age.

## PADRE PIO NOVENA

Parishioners are invited to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in Glenmore Park Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

Three Day Triduum:

**Thursday 19 Sept:** 7.00pm Novena then Mass.

**Friday 20 Sept:** 7.00pm Novena then Mass.

**Saturday 21 Sept:** 5.30pm Novena followed by Mass.

Feast Day Mass on **Sunday 22 September:**

10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities.

## ANNUAL 'BE NOT AFRAID' MEN'S CONFERENCE

A one-day conference for men (18+) will be held at St Mary's Cathedral Hall Sydney from 7am to 3.30pm **next Saturday, 21 September**. This year's theme is '7 Deadly Sins—vices and opposing virtues,' which will be presented by various speakers.

The speakers include; Fr Daniele Russo, Fr Greg Morgan, Fr James Baxter OP, Fr Chris de Sousa CRS, Fr Dan McCaughan, Dr Peter Holmes, Christian Stephens, Fr Richard Wallace FSSP, Fr Emmanuel Seo, Fr Ben Saliba as MC plus others joining us for the day! The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, mass, opportunity for confession, Q&A, lunch, fraternity and small expo. We're gathering as men to encounter Our Lord and increase in faith, hope and charity in brotherhood to be the man God created us to be.

Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45. Clergy, Religious and Seminarians are free. Tickets are limited, register now and invite a mate. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CUGHI>

## SPECIAL MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Each of our churches have special Mass Offering envelopes. Please use these when you request a Mass Offering for a deceased relative or friend, special intentions, thanksgiving and those who are sick. Only names for Recently Deceased or Death Anniversaries will be published in the weekly bulletin. If you wish a Mass to be celebrated on a particular date, a minimum of one week's notice must be given.

## 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.

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- [International Eucharistic Congress] - Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! Rings out in Quito
- Aleena's band of Tyburn godmothers
- Tomi Uskok's kicking spiritual goals
- Pope Francis' South-East Asian tour
- Simcha Fisher: American pro-lifers are finally free
- Olivia Dunn: How caring for animals brings me closer to God

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or [enquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:enquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## CHURCH SERVICE DRESS CODE REMINDER

Men and boys are reminded to remove caps, beanies and hoods, **before** entering the church as a sign of respect to the Blessed Sacrament.

*We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding a respectful environment during the church services.*

## COVID REMINDER

- Please note that Covid is still affecting many of our parishioners, especially the elderly.
- 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:** Brian Dwyer and Fr Don Willoughby.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Annette Dubois, Elvis Vaz, Rino Bergamo, Patricia Moore, Anna Pagano, Marcelle Shalhoub, Albert Paikada and Aurora Biscante.

**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 not let your troubles disturb your trust in God."

19.2.1885

