

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)

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 10 & 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

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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

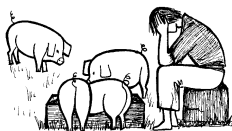
St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley: 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	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>Ex 32:7-11, 13-14</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Tim 1:12-17</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 15:1-32</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R/*



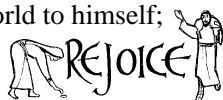
A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. *R/*

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. *R/*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.



Alleluia!

PRIEST'S RETIREMENT PASTORAL APPEAL

On behalf of the retired clergy, I thank you for your ongoing practical and prayerful support of our older priests. Please return any envelopes on any of the collection plates this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend at special Masses.

Many thanks are extended to the Sacramental Coordinators, catechists and teachers who have prepared the children for the Sacrament. Also, to the musicians, singers and others who prepared the liturgies and the churches. Thanks also to the Parish staff and the staff of our parish schools who have backed up the Parish team.

We give special thanks and are most grateful to, the staff at St Francis Xavier's school, who have prepared the children there for all three Sacraments this year due to the lack of a Catechist to take the classes.

RCIA COURSE COMMENCING SOON

A Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) course will commence in September. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and / or being received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2023, please contact the parish office on 9567 1558 or email admin@mmrc.org.au. The course is open to all people over 16 years of age. It will be held in the St Joseph's Rockdale presbytery, 13 Parker St, Rockdale from 7.30 – 8.30pm every Tuesday.

People MUST live in our parish boundaries of Rockdale, Arncliffe or Bexley.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL INVITATION

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting an open day on **Sunday 25th September** after 10.30 Mass in the Parish Hall at St Joseph's. We would like to introduce ourselves and to hopefully build a Vinnies Conference within St Joseph's local area. Anyone who is interested in this ministry is invited to come and join us for morning tea so we can tell people what is involved in this venture. We look forward to seeing you on this day. Thank you - Sue Vit, St George Regional President for St Vincent de Paul.



PUBLIC ROSARY IN HURSTVILLE

An invitation is given to our parishioners from St Michael's Hurstville Parish to join them in reciting the Rosary at Hurstville Plaza, 296 Forest Rd, Hurstville. This is opposite Club Central Hurstville and across from the train station. There is parking in Hurstville Westfield. They will be reciting the Rosary on **Sundays 11th September, 23rd October, 13th November and 11th December at 3.00pm.**

PADRE PIO NOVENA

The Parish of Glenmore Park invite parishioners to attend a Triduum Novena to St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina in their Parish at 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park.

Three Day Triduum:

Thursday 22 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Friday 23 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 7pm.

Saturday 24 September: Novena to St. Padre Pio & Mass at 5.30pm.

Feast Day Mass:

Sunday 25 September: Feast Day of St Padre Pio, 10am: Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Feast Day Mass. After Mass, there will be veneration & blessing by St. Padre Pio's holy relic followed by other festivities.

There are a few cards in each of our churches for those who may be interested in attending. For any enquiries, please contact the Glenmore Park office on 4789 2232.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

MAX2022 is a National Catholic Gathering of men which is a collaboration between menALIVE and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation. This will be held at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre from October 7-9. The theme this year is - RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gather, to listen, to learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be, better husbands, fathers, and men of God. Men from all over Australia will join us and there will be nothing this year in Australia like it! Apply: <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- **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.**

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.

SCHOOL OF ROCK, THE MUSICAL

Parishioners are invited to come along and support local school students who are participating in School of Rock, The Musical to be held at Qudos Bank Arena on 11th and 12th October. This is a Sydney Catholic Schools presentation, and the children are from schools across the Archdiocese, including some of our local children, both high school and primary school. Not all are on stage, some are part of the orchestra or backstage. This is a family show and tickets are available through Ticketek.

ABORIGINAL CATHOLICS AND RECONCILIATION

Presented by the Justice and Peace Office, Archdiocese of Sydney, an Address will be given by 2021 Senior Australian of the Year, artist and educator Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann on Friday 7 October from 5:30-7:30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral School Hall Register Online: [Aboriginal Catholics and Reconciliation Tickets, Fri 07/10/2022 at 5:30 pm | Eventbrite](#)

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY



- Elephant in the room. Behind the Knox scandal.
- The Screwtape Letters goes on stage.
- Movie review: Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Antonius Widjaja and Ann Boesen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Lindsley Wholohan, Lina Alterio, Patricia Moore, Annemarie Petunis, Anna Pagano, Carmen Bugeja, Filippa Altavilla, Marcello Tini, Margaret Lupton, Patrick & Edward Donoghue, Antonina Caltabiano, Francisco Lim (Lim Hui Teck) and Jabbour Azizi.

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

"Remember, there is, even on this earth, a day of bright reward for all your prayers and faithful perseverance."
5.6.1874

