

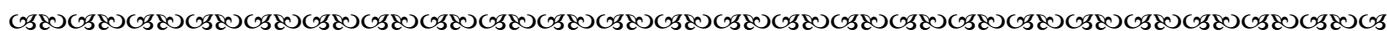
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 10 & 11 AUGUST 2024

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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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
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>1 Kg 19:4-8</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>Eph 4:30-5:2</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 6:41-51</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33:2-9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/*

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. *R/*

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. *R/*

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. *R/*



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

This Thursday, 15th August, is the Feast of the Assumption. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this Feast Day.

Masses to be celebrated in our churches will be at:

8.00am Marist College Kogarah

9.00am Rockdale

9.30am Bexley

10.30am Arncliffe

7.00pm Rockdale

FAMILY MASSES THIS SUNDAY

- St Francis Xavier's School are having a Family Mass at 9.00am this Sunday, 11th August. Welcome to the students, staff and families from St Francis Xavier's and the local public schools. A sausage sizzle will follow the Mass in the school grounds. All welcome!
- To celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, last Thursday, 8th, Father Yacub's recent birthday and the recent anniversary of Father Norvin's Ordination, a Family Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's at 10.30am this Sunday, 11th August. Welcome to children, staff and families of St Joseph's and local public schools who will be attending. A sausage sizzle will be held in the school grounds following the Mass. All welcome!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!



CHARITABLE WORKS' FUND (CWF)

 Thank you 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 a CWF envelope and put into any of the collections at Mass this weekend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Any unclaimed receipts and boxes of envelopes are now available from the parish office. Please phone before coming to see us.

Thank you to all the new parishioners who've taken up the Planned Giving this financial year. It really supports our parish in a practical way.

New Givers are always welcome to join the Planned Giving Envelope System to attract a 30% annual taxation deduction. ☺

VISITING CHOIR TO CELEBRATE MASS WITH PARISHIONERS AT ST GABRIEL'S

On **Sunday 25th August** the John Paul Singers will visit St Gabriel's Bexley and sing at the 5.00pm Mass. The "JPS" were established by Br. Colin Smith to sing for the Papal visits to Australia in 1986 and 1995. The repertoire is mostly focused on sacred music ranging from plainsong to contemporary works and often featuring compositions by Colin Smith. They work with parish choirs to promote sacred music and choral singing. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend this special Mass.

Director: Stoyan Assenov; Secretary/Manager: Christopher Coad and Organist: Miho Haghigo

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.

PERMANENT PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY

The Parish of St Joseph's Riverwood is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary 14 hours per week. The days and hours per day worked are flexible between Tuesday to Friday.

The duties will vary in nature and include, but not limited to managing the parish office including correspondence, emails, telephone calls and maintaining parish and sacramental records. Assisting various parish ministry groups and volunteers, and welcoming visitors and guests. A sound level of computer literacy, including Microsoft Office, and administrative skills are essential requirements for this position.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Lynelle Lembryk by email at stjosephriverwood@outlook.com or phone on 0403 795 381

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

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

- For such a time as this: Parish Renewal Conference 2024 Liftout
- Bishop John Adams: Transformation is possible
- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: God is calling you
- Sharp fall in clergy abuse over 50 years, new research shows
- Maronites celebrate new Blessed
- Monica Doumit: Young Catholics inspire and surprise

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. 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

In this cold weather, men and boys are reminded to remove caps and beanies **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 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: Chau Fong.

ANNIVERSARIES: Therese Worboys, Sr Clara Dal Santo, Giuseppina Suppa, Bartola Mandile, Concetta Figliano, Dorothy Molloy, John Samuel, Primo Russo, Anna Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Francesco Campanale and Bienvenido, Angelita, Edgardo, Raymundo and Naceforo Castro.

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

"Be without fear, do your work humbly in sweet charity and for God alone." 19.11.1873

