

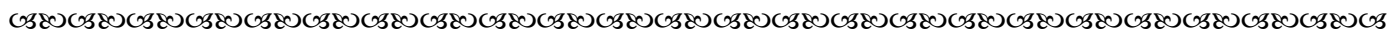
# PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

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

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 11 & 12 NOVEMBER 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 6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	5.00pm
<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>Wis 6:12-16</i> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>1Thess 4:13-18</i> ; Gospel: <i>Mt 25:1-13</i>			

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** - ps. 62:2-8

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. *R/*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. *R/*

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *R/*

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *R/*



### MASS AND HEALING LITURGY

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass at **St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale at 10.30a.m. on SUNDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, (not Thursday).** The UV Graduates Choir will be singing at this Mass.

Fr. Justin is visiting Australia from The Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. Mass will be followed by anointing for those who wish to partake in this gift of Healing. We all have a need of some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual.

### FR YACUB'S JUBLIEE MASS

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to join in celebrating Father Yacub's 30th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. This special event will take place on **Sunday, 10th December** at the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's Church, followed by a sausage sizzle afterwards.

### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia!**



## BAPTISMS

This Sunday we welcome Cillian & Meabh Gilbride, Jack Lynch and Jacob Ridha who will be baptised at St Joseph's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special day.



## ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO VISIT AGED CARE HOMES

If there are any current or past Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who have some spare time, the Parish needs help taking Holy Communion to the residents of local aged care facilities. Two of our volunteers are resigning at the end of this year and we only have a few volunteers to cover the numbers of Catholics in local facilities. If you are willing to have flu and Covid vaccines and Police Checks, we would love to have your assistance. Please contact the Parish Office and leave your details.

## JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Prayer Gatherings: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk and Fellowship in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Saturdays from 2:30pm – 5pm. Special guests:  
18 November - Marina George  
25 November - Nestor Aldana  
Enquiries: Helen (0433 455 114), Ida (0424 267 500)

## 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

There are only a few 2024 Columban Calendars still available. If you still want one, they are in the Piety Stalls for \$10.00 each. These make a lovely Christmas gift.

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Frs Željko and Ronny called to spiritual fatherhood
- Junior saints take over Sydney!
- Priest brings footy and faith together in new podcast
- Community mourns after tragic St Lucy's student death
- Senior Vatican diplomat visits Australia
- Professor Tracey Rowland: Sacred language matters at Mass

## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering envelopes are available in all our churches. The minimum offering is \$20.00. **All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the Holy Souls**, rather than for individual requests.

## SYDNEY STREET FEAST 2023 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

**Next Friday, 17 November**, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12 pm to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2023>

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DIRECTOR OF MUSIC FIRST ORGAN CONCERT

The new Director of Music, Daniel Justin, invites you to join him for his first Organ Concert this **Wednesday 15th November at 7pm**. Music will include Bach, Guilmant, Latry and Farrington! Free admission with a Retiring Collection!

**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.

## PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Australia is looking for a volunteer Accountant/ Finance Officer. Are you a retired Accountant looking to contribute your financial skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accountant will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. Email [kevin@palms.org.au](mailto:kevin@palms.org.au) or 9560 5333

## ADVENT RETREAT

"Waiting with Faith, Hope and Love" via Zoom on the 26th of November, or in person at St Bernadette's, Carlton on the 2nd of December. All are welcome! If you would like to join, please contact: Verbum Dei Female Missionaries email: [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or 0402 374 751.

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. You can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or [equiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:equiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Masks are still 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.

## 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:** Fr Ken Sargent

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Saveria Todisco, Virgilio Carrabs, Medy Perez, Chiara Morici, Wendy Allen, John Hickey, Francis Xavier Ca Huu Nguyen, Fr Joseph Carroll CSsR and Dr Mary Keating.

**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

"It is far harder to have to think ill of others than to be the one thought ill of." 22.11.1871

