

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE RECONCILIATIONS & MASSES

Please note: Once the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except in an emergency situation.

Second Rite (Communal celebration)

Tuesday, 16th April: 7.00pm - Rockdale - followed by Benediction at 7.30pm and Mass at 7.45pm.

Italian Confessions

Wednesday, 17th April 30 minutes before and after the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY 18th April

7.00pm Arncliffe

7.00pm Bexley

7.00pm Rockdale (the Church will be open till 12midnight after Mass for prayer and adoration)

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April

Stations of the Cross

10.00am in Bexley – Rockdale - Arncliffe

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm in Bexley – Rockdale – Arncliffe

HOLY SATURDAY 20th April

6.30pm Easter Vigil at St Gabriel's

PLEASE NOTE: This is a time change.

(There will be no Vigil Mass at Arncliffe or Rockdale)

EASTER SUNDAY 21st April

9.00am Mass Arncliffe

9.00am Mass Bexley

9.00am Mass Rockdale (Italian)

10.30am Mass Rockdale

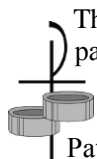
5.00pm Mass Bexley

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Elias Feng, Benjamin Lau and Eleanor Le who will be baptised at St Joseph's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

 This weekend Les and Doreen Wallworth, long time parishioners of St Gabriel's Parish are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary (Diamond) of their marriage which took place on 11th April, 1959 in St Patrick's Church, West Tamworth. May there be many more anniversaries to celebrate! Congratulations from all in our twinned-parishes.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

As is the custom around the world, there will be a collection on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross as well as at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. The monies collected are forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat to assist with the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Christ's Life, Passion and Death in the Holy Land. You do not need to give twice if you attend both ceremonies. Many thanks for your financial support.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible. Don't forget to fill in all the details on the slip if you wish to receive a tax deduction.



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.

FUNERAL


A Funeral Mass for the late Maureen Batty will be held in St Gabriel's Church, Bexley **this coming Monday, 15th April** at 10.30am. Please keep her family in your prayers at this sad time.

ANZAC SUNDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The annual ecumenical ANZAC Commemorative Service will be held **next Sunday, 14th April**, at the Rockdale Uniting Church, Bay St Rockdale, starting at **2.30pm**. This will be followed by a march to the Wall of Remembrance at The Seven Ways.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

 Congratulations to Shannon Stuart and Andrew Sultana who were married at St Gabriel's on Friday. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

YOUNG AT HEART REUNION

A get-together of those who were Young-at-Heart over past years, will be held at 9 Kinsel Grove, Bexley on **Wednesday, 17th April** at 10.30am. Please contact Rita on 9502 4672 to RSVP.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Next Sunday 28th April, the Second Sunday of Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy and will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church commencing at 2.00pm with Adoration and concluding at 3.15pm with Mass. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

GABBIES SEWING ANGELS ANNUAL RAFFLE

The annual raffle commences on the 5th May. The prizes will be 2 x hand crocheted Bendigo wool rugs and 2 x beautifully crafted patchwork quilts all valued between \$800 to \$1000. Please support this great cause.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. For further information about the Archdiocese Policy, please access the Safeguarding tab on our Parish Website or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at Polding Centre on 9390 5812. Our Parish Safeguarding Support Officers are Claire Cohen and Matthew Nguyen. You may contact them via email: pssm.mrc.stg@gmail.com

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Batty and Joe Scardilli.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gregory Doyle, Valerie Ingram, Tess Dinan, Stephen Mesar, Gregory Alderson, William Lyons, Franciscus Seerden, Joyce McDonnell, Lourdes Fernandez, George Stapleton, Innocenzo Maugeri and Giuseppe Maugeri.

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 rest in peace. Amen.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"God loves courageous souls. 14.12.1890

