

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)

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 26 & 27 OCTOBER 2019

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

Assistant Priest – Fr Frank Regala

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**SCHOOLS:**

**St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe:** 9567 5389 **Principal:** Mr Kevin Bryson

**St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 **Principal:** Ms Carolyn Yeats

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

|                       | ARNCLIFFE                                                                                                                                    | ROCKDALE                                                                                                 | BEXLEY                                                                               |
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| <b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                          |                                                                                      |
| <b>Saturday Vigil</b> | 5.00pm                                                                                                                                       | 6.30pm                                                                                                   | -----                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday Masses</b>  | 9.00am                                                                                                                                       | 9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> )<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only in Filipino</i> )                  | 9.00am<br>5.00pm                                                                     |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> | 9.00am Wednesday<br>9.00am Friday                                                                                                            | 7.30pm Tuesday ( <i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction &amp; Rosary from 6.00pm</i> )<br>9.00am Thursday | 9.00am Monday<br>9.30am Thursday<br>9.00am Saturday ( <i>Benediction at 8.45am</i> ) |
| <b>CONFESSIONS</b>    | 4.00 – 4.30pm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month                                                                     | 4.00 – 4.30pm<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month                                 | 8.00 – 8.40am Saturday                                                               |
| <b>BAPTISMS</b>       | 10.30am<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month<br>By appointment. Please book by phoning the Parish Office on 9567 1558 during office hours. | 11.30am<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month                                                           | 10.00am<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month                                       |
| <b>WEDDINGS</b>       | Monday to Saturday by appointment.                                                                                                           |                                                                                                          |                                                                                      |

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Sir 35:12-14, 16-19*; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18*; Gospel: *Lk 18:9-14*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33:2-3, 17-19, 23

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

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/*



The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all  
their distress. *R/*

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *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!**

### FATHER FRANK ON LEAVE

While Father Frank is on leave, we thank Father Peter Maher for assisting Father Yacub with the Masses while he is away.

### MASSSES FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS – THIS COMING WEEK

#### All Saints Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Arncliffe – 9.00am      Bexley – 9.00am  
Rockdale – 7.30pm – This is also the First Friday

#### All Souls Day – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Bexley – 9.00am      Rockdale – 10.00am

### NOVEMBER MASSES

November Mass Envelopes may be found in the Church foyers and on the Offertory Tables. These envelopes may be then placed in the special Remembrance Basket on the offertory table, which will be brought forward with the Offertory Gifts at Mass and placed on the Altar.

November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively, rather than for individual requests.

**Please Note that individual Mass requests cannot be made in November, they are available the rest of the year.**

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The RCIA program has commenced and we ask parishioners to pray for the candidates as they learn what it means to be a Catholic and follow the teachings of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



### CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

The final Appeal for 2019 will be held **next weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November with a third collection**. Each parish is given a quota to fund each Appeal. These quotas are determined according to each parish's income and population. If the quota is not met, then the amount is taken from parish funds. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible but please make sure you have completed the details required on the envelopes provided.

### BENEDICT BARKAT FOUNDATION DINNER 2019

Huge thank you to the parishioners who supported the dinner last Saturday evening. A total of approximately \$15,000.00 was raised for the Foundation!! The food was delicious, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to those who bought raffle tickets and those who supplied some of the raffle prizes. Congratulations to the lucky winners. ☺ *Fr Yacub.*

### NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

The Saturday Vigil Choir in Rockdale would like to welcome some new members to join them in singing or playing any musical instruments for the Mass. People of any age are most welcome to join and no experience is needed, just the willingness to come to practise. Please approach one of the choir members after the Saturday Vigil Mass or contact Vania on 0451 052 562 if you have questions.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LADIES BEXLEY

The Bexley St Vincent de Paul Ladies Society are looking for some new members. They meet on each **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** in the St Gabriel's Hall, beside the church at 3.00pm. Anyone from our twinned parishes are most welcome to join. They visit Nursing Homes and people who are lonely at home. Please contact Rita on 9502 4672.

### CANTONESE RCIA

If anyone is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith through the Cantonese Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a class will commence at St Michael's Church (10 Croydon Road, Hurstville 2220) this **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, at 10:30am. Class will be held every Sunday from 10:30am to 12noon. RCIC for children 4 and over (in English) is also available. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning our Catholic faith. Registration and enquiries: Margaret Tham 0411 279 007

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join the Sutherland Shire Choral Society for a relaxing afternoon Christmas concert of beautiful Christmas music, including Renaissance classics, Bach's Cantata BWV 191, and the Hallelujah chorus! James Paul will conduct the choir and an instrumental ensemble. To be held on **Sunday 1 December** at 2 pm in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah. Prices: Adults \$25, Concessions \$22, Students \$12 Children under 12 are free, tickets available at the door. <http://www.sutherlandshirechoralsociety.com>

### 2020 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2020 Columban Calendar is now available in the Piety Stalls for \$9 each. A great Christmas gift idea! Christmas cards are also available.

**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.**

### BISHOPS ANNOUNCE

#### NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- My Newman miracle
- All Souls and All Saints: Meet your family
- Pray-ers take Mary to the streets
- East meets West at ACU
- Movie review: Downton Abbey

### SEMINARY OPEN DAY

Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary will hold an Open Day on **Sunday 10th November** from 2pm until 4pm at 106 Gurney Road, Chester Hill. Afternoon Tea will be served at 3pm and the day will finish with Vespers sung by the Seminarians at 4pm. Details & Inquiries 9726 8114 or visit [seminary.org.au/OpenDay](http://seminary.org.au/OpenDay)

### ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY

*"Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing"* What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called: *"Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing"* at ACU Strathfield 25A Barker Road, Strathfield on Saturday 9 November from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential: [http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral\\_formation\\_days](http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days) All are welcome. For more information phone 9701 4751.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Siew Nguk Law and Yesmine Bazouni.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bess Vogel, Ron Grasso, Stephen Whelan, Mary Williams, Patrick Byrne, Carmen Martin, Frederick Kennedy, Robert Bird, Catherine Webb, Melchora Enriquez, Molly & Gordon Mainey, Carmeno, Maria & Stefano Barbaro and Hospicea Maratas.

**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

"Let self be forgotten and let God's glory, His will and the general good absorb our thoughts, deliberations and actions." 16.10.1898

