

# 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)

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 7 & 8 SEPTEMBER, 2019

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**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:** Wis 9:13-18; **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17; **Gospel:** Lk 14:25-33

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89:3-6.12-14.17**

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust and say:  
'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,  
come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. *R/*

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. *R/*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. *R/*

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

**Alleluia!**

**THANK YOU!**

I wish to thank all parishioners who were involved in Archbishop Anthony Fisher's visit to our twinned parishes last week. I especially thank the communities of St Joseph's Rockdale, St Francis Xavier's Arncliffe and St Gabriel's Bexley who attended the Masses and gatherings that were organised. The Archbishop really enjoyed meeting with the staff and children of our three primary schools and Marist College Kogarah and having time to chat with them. The Archbishop also met with executive staff of the four schools, together with members of the Parish Finance Committees and inducted our new Parish Pastoral Committee. He met with Sacramental Co-ordinators and Catechists, Legion of Mary, Parish Staff and Office volunteers and with Fr Frank and I in an effort to understand how we are all working together for the good of our parishes. Thank you to the staff and residents of Huntingdon Aged Care who hosted a visit by the Archbishop to meet with the elderly Catholic residents living there. The Archbishop was most impressed with us.

The Mass on Sunday was very well attended and we thank the Acolyte, Altar Servers, choir, flower decorators, members of the Bangladeshi community for the cooking lunch and everyone who were involved on the day in any way. The young students from St Joseph's who served the tea and coffee were willing and cheerful helpers. I apologise if I have left anyone out but I am most grateful to you all. May God Bless you all. *Fr Yacub*

## PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION PASTORAL APPEAL

Donations are still being accepted. If you still wish to give and have an envelope please place it in any collection plate this weekend. On behalf of the retired clergy, I thank you for your ongoing practical and prayerful support of our older priests.

## BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Tiana Lau, Keila Ramos and Miguel Sanchez at St Joseph's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them on this special occasion.



## POSTCARDS FOR LIFE

This weekend at most of our Masses, someone from our parishes will there to get support from parishioners to have the Abortion Bill defeated in the NSW Parliament. Special 'postcards' have been printed which will be given to those politicians who have yet to decide whether or not they will support the defeat of the Bill.

Parishioners are asked to write one sentence to support the defeat of the Bill on a single postcard, addressed to one of the politicians whose name will be on a list in at the church. Parishioners are asked to put them in a special box which will then be gathered by the parish and forwarded directly to the nominated State MP. We ask for the support of parishioners to enable this Bill to be defeated when the voting is done.

## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2019

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and support network. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people and recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will be held soon for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic. Please contact the Parish Office if you, or someone you know, is interested.

## CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISING LUNCH

All parishioners are invited to join the fundraising lunch to raise funds for the Australian Cancer Research Foundation. The lunch will be held in St Gabriel's Parish Hall, on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**, from 11.30am – 3.00pm. The cost will be \$20 for the lunch, including soft drinks, tea and coffee. There will be games, lucky door prizes and lots of fun. All welcome to enjoy a lovely lunch, have fun and win some prizes. Please free to bring some friends and also meet some new ones. Please RSVP to Betty: 9502 3275 or Carol: 9772 1717.

## STAND FOR LIFE RALLY

This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally **next Sunday, 15 September** at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney. More information [www.stand4.life](http://www.stand4.life)

## 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.

## DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION



**Palms Australia** Your professional skills can create better opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Grass-roots organisations, clinics and schools in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. These assignments are not quick fixes. Find out how teacher Andrew Tham mentored both students and educators in Rubya, Tanzania, and how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

There will be a Palms 'Meet and Greet' **next Saturday September 21st** at 2pm at the John Street Café, Dooley's Catholic Club, 11-17 Church St, Lidcombe. For Encounter Myanmar: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia, travelling November 16-29. Enquire via email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call 9560 5333.

## AQUINAS ACADEMY COURSES

Course Outline for October / November 2019

### ❖ *A View From Inside The Royal Commission*

Presenter: Stephen Crittenden, ABC Radio Journalist, presenter and producer on 3 Tuesday mornings, 10am-12noon; October 15, 22, 29

Cost: \$150/person (Including summary notes)

### ❖ *Film Lectio iii: The Green Book*

Presenters: Marie Biddle RSJ, MA, MTh & Michael Whelan SM, PhD on 3 Wednesday mornings, 10am – 12noon, October 16, 23, 30 then repeated on 3 Wednesday evenings, 6pm-8pm, October 16, 23, 30

Cost: \$40/person (Including summary notes)

### ❖ *Tragedy Of Sexual Abuse: Where are We Now*

Presenter: Gerard Webster PhD (Psychoanalysis and Philosophy) & Michael Whelan SM, PhD on 3 Friday mornings, 10am-12noon; October 18, 25, November 1

Cost: \$150/person (Including summary notes)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr Mark Spora, Edgar Bianto, Carmela Disibio and Peter Finneran.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Lindsley Wholohan, Mary Hall, Annemarie Petunis, Pierina Ruaro, Carmen Bugeja, Filippa Altavilla, Marcello Tini, Antonina Caltabiano, Margaret Lupton, Doreen Talty, Harry Wooderson, Antonio Giordan, Annette Brophy, Bonifacio Rioflorido,

**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

"We may feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them." 14.4.1882



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AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH**