

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)

2^{NO} SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR C - 16 & 17 MARCH, 2019

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

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

| <u>Weekend Masses</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <u>Weekday Masses</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <u>Reconciliation</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Saturday Evening Vigil Masses</b><br>Arncliffe - 5.00pm<br>Rockdale - 6.30pm<br><br><b>Sunday Morning Masses</b><br>Bexley - 9.00am<br>Arncliffe - 9.00am<br>Rockdale - 10.30am<br><br>Rockdale (Italian) - 9.00am<br><br><b>Sunday Evening Masses</b><br>Bexley - 5.00pm<br><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday only:<br>Rockdale (Filipino) - 6.00pm | <b>Monday</b> Bexley - 9.00am<br><br><b>Tuesday</b> Rockdale<br>- Exposition, Rosary,<br>Devotions - 6.00pm<br>- Benediction 7.15pm<br>- Mass 7.30pm<br><br><b>Wednesday</b> Arncliffe - 9.00am<br><br><b>Thursday</b> Rockdale - 9.00am<br>Bexley - 9.30am<br><br><b>Friday</b> Arncliffe - 9.00am<br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</b> Rockdale - 7.30pm<br><br><b>Saturday</b> Bexley<br>- Reconciliation 8.00am<br>- Benediction 8.45am<br>- Mass 9.00am | <b>Bexley</b><br>Weekly Saturday 8.00 – 8.40am<br><b>Rockdale</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 4.00 – 4.30pm<br><b>Arncliffe</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays 4.00 – 4.30pm<br><br><u><b>Baptisms</b></u><br>by appointment<br><br><b>St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 10.30am<br><b>St Joseph's, Rockdale</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.30am<br><b>St Gabriel's, Bexley</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10.00am<br><br><u><b>Weddings</b></u><br>Monday to Saturday by appointment |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Rom 8:31-34; <b>Gospel:</b> Mk 9:2-10                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 26:1.7-9.13-14**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
 before whom shall I shrink? *R/*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
 Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' *R/*

It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face.  
 Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
 you have been my help. *R/*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
 in the land of the living.  
 Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
 Hope in the Lord! *R/*



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

- Stations of the Cross will be prayed in both St Francis Xavier's and St Joseph's Churches, each Friday at 7.00pm during Lent.
- Italian Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church.



**HAPPY ST JOSEPH'S DAY**

**This coming Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** is the Feast of St Joseph. We offer all our Rockdale parishioners a very Happy Feast Day. We also extend greetings to Sr Marie and the Sisters of St Joseph.

**EXTRA FRIDAY MASS DURING LENT**

On Friday evening during Lent, there will be a 6.30pm Mass in St Joseph's Church, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm. All welcome.

**LEGION OF MARY'S ANNUAL ACIES**

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Curia, Illawarra invites all Legionaries (active and auxiliary) to the annual Legion of Mary ACIES ceremony **next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March** in St Joseph's Church, Rockdale from 2.00-4.00pm. Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Benediction followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea to share afterwards. **All welcome.**

**BAPTISMS**

This weekend we welcome Skylar Newman and Elijah Sedillo who will be baptised at St Gabriel's. We also welcome their families and friends who join them.

**FUTURE BAPTISMS AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S**

**Commencing from Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**, the Baptism time at St Francis Xavier's will now be **10.30am**. This is to allow our priests extra travel time between the churches following the Masses on Sundays.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.



Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## ST JOSEPH'S CANDLE STANDS

We will be replacing the votive candle stands in the Shrine Room at St Joseph's Church to make them more compliant with OH&S. Also, the current stands are very difficult to clean with wax flowing all over them. If any parishioners would like to donate towards the cost, your offering will be gratefully received. ☺

## ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The Mass will be celebrated **this coming Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30am in St Mary's Cathedral with Bishop Terry Brady as Principal Celebrant. **All welcome!**

## 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH HILL

Bishop Terry Brady and the Parish Community of St Patrick's Parish, Church Hill (near Wynyard station) invites all to join them in the St Patrick's Feast Day Mass and also the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of this significant parish in the history of the Church in Sydney. This will be held **today, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00 noon** in St Patrick's Church, cnr Grosvenor and Gloucester Sts, Church Hill.



## NOLI ME TANGERE

### The Novel that sparked a revolution.

A stunning new Australian version of Dr Jose P Rizal's masterwork is coming to the Parramatta Riverside Theatre, **from 30th March to 6th April**. *Noli Me Tangere* – *The Musical* has been written and composed **for all Australians and for Filipinos living here**. It tells the story which is a key part of Filipino heritage, through beautiful music and impassioned performances. It's a story of love, a man and a woman's love for each other, for their country and for an idea of freedom; and a story of the struggle between reason and violence for the future of the world. Bookings through Riverside Theatre – 8839 3399. Tickets - \$45.

## BEXLEY NORTH CANCERIAN'S LUNCH

The Bexley North Cancerians will be holding a fundraising lunch in St Gabriel's Church Hall on **Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** from 11.30 to 2.30pm. The theme is Friendship Day! Cost is only \$20.00 for a hot lunch. Proceeds go to Australian Cancer Research. Lots of door prizes, games and fun. Come along with some friends or make some new ones. **Please RSVP** to Betty Holman 9502 3275 or Carol 9773 8443.

## 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.

## THANK YOU FROM THE CANA COMMUNITY!

Dear Father Yacub, Father Frank and Parishioners  
On behalf of all the volunteers and people living within Cana Communities, I write to express our gratitude and thanks for your exceptional support. Your help allows us to continue our mission of making a difference to those living on the margins of society and we thank you for your belief in Cana's mission.

Since the appeal last month, we have received a total of \$4491 in financial contributions. We send our heartfelt "Thank You" to the parishioners who welcomed us so warmly, and who have donated so generously to the work of our Community. Thank you again for your generosity, belief in and support of Cana, and for the coming Easter, we wish you and your parishioners many blessings.

Gratefully, Stephen and Marijke Newnham  
Cana Communities Inc. Email: [info@cana.org.au](mailto:info@cana.org.au) or [www.cana.org.au](http://www.cana.org.au)

## DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

*"I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand."* Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally **next Sunday March 24**. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.

## 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. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on 9390 5812. Our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer is Miss Claire Cohen. You may contact Claire via email: [pssso.mmrc.stg@gmail.com](mailto:pssso.mmrc.stg@gmail.com)*

## RECENTLY DECEASED: Gloria Englehardt

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Viccie Mabbutt, Eileen Merrick, Amadeo Giovenco, Maria Farrugia, Margaret Duggan, Jason Puac, Janette Jabbour, James Haring, Mary Shortt, Joseph & Carmen Bajjada.

**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 us all pray that the spirit of St Joseph will accompany his children, and that they may do much good for themselves and others." 1.4.1880

