

# 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)

## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 23 & 24 OCTOBER 2021

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

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am ( <i>Italian</i> ) 10.30am 6.00pm ( <i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i> )	----- 9.00am 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 Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month
<b>WEDDINGS</b>	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <b>Jer 31:7-9</b> ; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <b>Heb 5:1-6</b> ; Gospel: <b>Mk 10:46-52</b>			

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 125

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**



When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. *R/*

The heathens themselves said:  
 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
 Indeed we were glad. *R/*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *R/*

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
 they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. *R/*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

**Alleluia!**

### WELCOME BACK TO OUR PARISHES

This weekend we welcome everyone back to Mass in our three parish churches. It has been a very difficult time for us all these past months but we with the Grace of God we did get through it. Please be aware of the rules regarding attending Mass on the next page and keep everyone safe as we open up our churches and our lives once again.

### WELCOME FR WILLIAM

Fr William Chow joined us just before we went into the lockdown. Please make him welcome as he celebrates Mass with us in our parishes. Fr William is from Canada but was ordained for the Sydney Archdiocese in 2019.

<b>MASSES FOR ALL SOULS DAY</b>		
<b>TUESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		
9.00am Arncliffe	9.00am Bexley	7.00pm Rockdale

### NOVEMBER MASSES

November Mass Envelopes may be found in the Church foyers or 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. The Stipend for a November Mass is a preferred minimum of \$20.00. November Masses will be offered for all Holy Souls collectively, rather than for individual requests. Individual Mass requests cannot be made in November. They are available the rest of the year.

### RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- We must observe the **four-square metre rule. Please do not sit in seats that are not available.**
- Families can sit together, but if people do not belong in the same household, they must observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Vaccination is recommended for all parishioners.
- **Masks are compulsory for attending Mass.** Only the priest and reader (when reading) are exempt.
- Congregational singing is not allowed yet.
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable more distancing between others who are in the line. Please go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE who enters the church must give their names and contact details before entering the church. These records will be kept for four weeks or use the QR code at the doors.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell.
- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be notified of the diagnosis and the date and time the infected person attended the church. No other details will be provided.
- The situation with weddings and funerals is complicated! Even though unvaccinated people are normally allowed to gather in the church, in the case of weddings and funerals, if some of the attendees are not vaccinated, then the numbers are limited to 5 at a wedding and 10 at a funeral. If all the attendees at a wedding or funeral are fully vaccinated, there is no limit on numbers (subject to the 4sqm rules).

### DEMPSEY MEDALS PRESENTED

In June, Archbishop Fisher presented Dempsey Medals to seven parishioners who come from the three churches in our twinned parishes: Rockdale/Arncliffe and Bexley. We heard the presentation ceremony was a wonderful occasion for the deserving recipients, their families and friends.

Once again, our sincere congratulations to:

- Vince Carrabs from the Rockdale Italian Community
- Peter & Ellen Gillett (Rockdale)
- Terry & Jude McBride (Arncliffe)
- Robert & Kathryn Phillips (Bexley)

### SISTER CLAIRE BURGESS RSJ

Sister Claire Burgess passed away on 13 September 2021. She lived and was educated in our parish, and it was from here that she entered the Sisters of St Joseph in 1944. Sr Claire spent the last 18 years of her active ministry at North Sydney. There she met and befriended the many people who prayed at Mary MacKillop's Shrine - including some from Rockdale. She was always very proud of her association with our parish. As we give thanks for her life of dedication, we pray for eternal rest for Sr Claire.

### A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary places her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time as they commence their classes this weekend.

### FIRST COMMUNION GIFTS

Each of our three Church Piety Stalls has appropriate gifts for children who will receive their First Holy Communion next month. Please support our parishes by giving a Catholic gift and card to celebrate this wonderful occasion in their faith journey.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**Congratulations** to the 125 children and three adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during mid-June in our three churches. We are grateful this happened before the lockdown.

**A Big Thank You to our Sacramental Coordinators** - Lee Kenrick, Anne Gleeson, Monique Cohen; the Parish Catechists and Danielle Burton Year 6 teacher at St Joseph's Primary who prepared the children for the reception of the Sacrament. Thank you also to the acolytes, altar servers, choirs, musicians, church cleaners, those who arranged the flowers or who prepared the churches and altars; the Family Educators and any others who gave their time to make the Confirmation Masses meaningful to the children and their families. Thank you also to the Parish Office Staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes over many months.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 2022 Columban Calendars are now available at the Piety Stalls for \$10 each. **Religious Christmas cards are also available.**

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have a number of parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, so we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

The following people have passed away since June this year. Please keep their families in your prayers. **Annette Dubois, Giovanni Sias, Frederick Bendeich, Sr Claire Burgess, Francesco Zirilli, Brent Vassallo, Rocco Lo Russo, Alfredo Da Mota Lopes, Carmen Abela and Antonietta Colella,**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr John Kerrigan, Bess Vogel, Patrick Byrne and Stephen Whelan.

**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

"To me, the will of God is a dear book which I am never tired of reading and which has always some new charm for me. Nothing is too little to be noticed." 1873

