

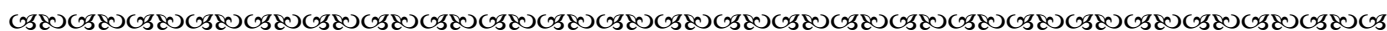
PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(Looking after the Churches of St Gabriel's, Bexley, St Joseph's, Rockdale, and St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe)

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 18 & 19 JANUARY 2025

Parish Priest – Fr Yacub Barkat

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Office hours: Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm (**please phone** before coming in.)

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SCHOOLS:

St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale: 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Rachelle Dopson

St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg

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

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES	5.00pm Saturday	6.30pm Saturday	-----
Saturday Vigil	9.00am	9.00am <i>(Italian)</i> 10.30am	9.00am
Sunday Masses		12.00pm <i>(First Sunday only Urdu)</i>	5.00pm
		6.00pm <i>(Third Sunday only Filipino)</i>	
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday <i>(Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm)</i> 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday <i>(Benediction at 8.45am)</i>
CONFESSIONS	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 st & 3 rd Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
BAPTISMS	10.00am 1 st Sunday of the month	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
	Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.		
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>Is 62:1-5</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Cor 12:4-11</i> ; Gospel: <i>Jn 2:1-11</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95:1-3,7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *R/*

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. *R/*

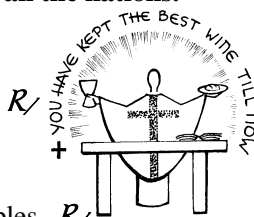
Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. *R/*

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. *R/*



MAGI PILGRIMAGE

Fr Marek Dutkiewicz OSPPE, would like to invite you for a 12-day Jubilee pilgrimage, departing on 2nd of May 2025. This pilgrimage features Rome, Assisi, Florence, Krakow, Czestochowa for an all-inclusive price of \$9490+tips (20 pilgrims). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email them: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au Website: www.magiholidays.com.au

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR LUNCHEON

The Archdiocese is currently organising a special luncheon for former choir boys of St Mary's Cathedral, scheduled to take place on **Sunday, 2nd March**. This will also give ex choristers an opportunity to join a new Choristers Alumni Network and be kept abreast of exciting new developments, such as the launch of the Girls' Choir next year. If any parishioners are former choir boys of St Mary's Cathedral, or maybe even have friends or family members who are ex Choristers, please advise them of this date to save for their diaries.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

This Sunday, Andres Daniele-Munoz will be baptised at St Gabriels. Please welcome him with his family and friends.

REMINDER: PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic understanding of the sacraments? Come along to a series of six lectures on the basic sacramental theology in the Catholic tradition. This lecture series is organised and delivered by Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz, Director of the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney and will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays, 29 January to 5 March, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St Thomas More's, 298 Bay St, Brighton Le Sands. **Cost:** \$20 Adult / \$15 Student/Concession.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT WITH MATT AND CAMERON FRADD

Parents, it's time for a well-deserved night out! Take a break and join us for an insightful evening with Matt & Cameron Fradd as they share their parenting and family life expertise. Whether you come as a couple, alone, or with a group of friends, it's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow parents and gain valuable insights to support your family journey. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with light canapes, drinks, and plenty of opportunities for conversation and a meet-and-greet with the speakers. This will be held on **Wednesday 5th February** at 7 - 9pm at St Christopher's Parish, Holsworthy. The cost is \$20 per person or book a table of 8 friends for \$150. Registration at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXTXE>

ARTES CHRISTI CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS SACRED MUSIC FOR LENT

SYDNEY, NSW (8 January 2025) - Experience the profound journey of Christ's passion through masterworks including Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, Bruckner's Christus Factus Est, and Byrd's Miserere Meus. This Lenten concert invites listeners on a musical pilgrimage from darkness to light, from suffering to hope. Join us Saturday, March 8, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 3 Thomas Street, Lewisham. Tickets: Adult \$35 | Concession \$25 | Family \$75. Scan the QR Code to the link or use the website for bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXXHA>



ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE BURSARY PROGRAM

St Aloysius' College is a Catholic, Jesuit school for boys founded in 1879 by the Society of Jesus. The College has a deliberate academic orientation and, in companionship with parents, offers a holistic formation for its students from Years 3 to 12.

The St Aloysius' College Bursary Program has been established to offer students an opportunity to avail themselves of a Jesuit education when ordinary enrolment is not affordable or sustainable. The bursaries are intended to assist those families who are most in need. St Aloysius' College seeks to graduate 'men for others' who are faithful and committed, integrating a deep spirituality with a passion for justice and academic excellence. Apply now for means-tested bursaries in Years 7, 2027 and beyond. Further information may be obtained from the College Website: www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au / Ph: 9936 5535 / email: registrar@staloyusius.nsw.edu.au

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

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

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Family blessings bring hope to Sydney's domestic church
- Archbishop supports inquiry into the harmful effects of pornography
- Fact-checkers: Facebook's fight against censorship
- Catholics reconnect with Exodus and Fiat programs
- Matt and Cameron Fradd to help couples to deepen marriages

ADDICTION/ALCOHOLISM, THE 12 STEPS AND CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recovery that incorporates 12 Step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets Monthly at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm) and "About Calix" talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). We also meet weekly via zoom and have an annual retreat. Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 calixsydney@outlook.com or <https://www.calixsociety.org>



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PARISH SAFEGUARDING

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney that child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or equiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Sakr, Mario Dal Mas and Dorothy Molachino.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Wilkinson, Margaret Thorpe, Aranata Leilua, Carlo Meola, Sabatino Trovato and Giovanni Suppa.

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 all rest in peace, Amen.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"Be faithful in the least as well as in the greatest."

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