



## CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BONDI

### St Patrick's and St Anne's Parish Bulletin

#### MASS TIMES

##### **Monday:**

6:30pm Adoration/Confessions  
at St. Anne's

##### **Tuesday:**

7:15am Mass at St. Anne's

##### **Wednesday:**

7:15am Mass at St. Patrick's

##### **Thursday:**

7pm Mass  
7:30pm Adoration/Confessions  
at St. Patrick's

##### **Friday:**

9:15am Mass at St. Anne's

##### **Saturday:**

9am Mass at St. Anne's

##### **Sunday:**

8am Mass & 5pm Mass at St. Anne's  
10am Mass at St Patrick's

#### CONFESSION TIMES

Monday 6:30 - 7:30pm St Anne's

Thursday 7:30 - 8:30pm St Patrick's

Sunday: half an hour before each Mass

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#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST—MATTIAS GRUNEWALD



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Bondi Beach NSW 2026

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues, Wed, Fri: 9:30am - 12:30pm,  
1:30pm - 4:30pm

Thurs: 10:30am - 2:30pm

#### PARISH STAFF

Fr. Anthony Robbie - **Parish Priest**

Marian Abi Khattar - **Parish Manager & Parish  
Safeguarding Support Officer**

Eugene Raggio - **Music Director**

Frank Riotto - **Director of Administration**

**Recently Deceased**

Amato Maio, Josephine Apap (nee Roumanus), Christine McCarthy, Michael Sheekey, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan and Fr Ken Sargent

**Deceased**

Martin Mcauliffe, Mary Moore and all The Holy Souls

**Anniversaries**

William Robbie

**Prayers for the Sick**

Mary Powell, Maria Joao Rodrigues de Araujo, Jason Dickson, Maria Barbara, Diana Margaret Duguid and Margaret Murphy

**Special Intentions**

Da Costa Family and Allen Family

**December Feast Days**

**11 December:**

St. Damasus I, Pope

**12 December:**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

**26 December:**

St. Stephen, first martyr

**27 December:**

St. John, apostle, evangelist

**28 December:**

The Holy Innocents, martyrs

**29 December:**

St. Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr

**31 December:**

The Holy Family

**Choir Repertoire**

**At 10am Mass, the choir will sing:**

**Offertory:** 'Rejoice in the Lord Always' (Purcell)

**Communion:** 'Ego sum Panis vivus (Palestrina)'

**At 5pm Mass, the choir will sing:**

**Offertory:** 'Ad te Levavi' (Aiblinger)

**Communion:** 'Rejoice in the Lord Always' (Purcell)

**This Week's Mass Intentions:**

**Tues 19 Dec:** Holy Souls

**Wed 20 Dec:** Holy Souls

**Thurs 21 Dec:** Holy Souls

**Fri 22 Dec:** Holy Souls

**Sat 23 Dec:** Holy Souls

**Sun 24 Dec: 8:00am** Pro Populo

**10:00am** Holy Souls

**5:00pm** Holy Souls

**Christmas on the Streets Procession**

The Knights of the Immaculata are organising their annual Christmas procession from St. Patrick's to St. Mary's Cathedral. The purpose of this procession is to remind the streets of Sydney of the true meaning of Christmas.

The procession will start from St. Patrick's church at 7pm on Friday the 22nd of December.

**Parish Office**

The parish office will close at 4:30pm on Friday 22nd of December 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday 9th of January 2024.

If there are any urgent matters during this period please call the office phone number, leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. All non urgent calls will be responded to after the 9th of January 2024.

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**From the Archdiocese of Sydney**

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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Galilee Catholic Primary School

60B Blair Street,

North Bondi NSW 2026

Ph: 9130 7082



**Women's Night**

Join us on the rooftop of Eileen O'Connor House to meet and greet new and like minded Christian Women! This will be a great way to kick off the last Women's Night for the year. Light food and drinks provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



Those wishing to attend please register your attendance by emailing [events@bondicatholic.org.au](mailto:events@bondicatholic.org.au)





**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December:**

8am at St Anne's  
(4th Sunday of Advent)

10am at St Patrick's  
(4th Sunday of Advent)

6pm at St Anne's  
(Christmas Vigil)

**Christmas Day, Monday 25 December:**

8am at St Anne's & 10am at St Patrick's  
(No evening adoration at St Anne's)

**Boxing Day, Tuesday 26 December:**

9am at St Anne's  
(No 7:15am Mass)

**Farewell and Welcome**

We are very sad to be losing our wonderful parish secretary Frank Riotta who is moving on after more than six years at the parishes here at Bondi. Many parishioners have grown very fond of Frank for his kindness and gentle ways and his cheery helpfulness. We will miss him very much and wish him every blessing in his new fields of endeavour. At the same time we welcome Verna Wing who is taking up these responsibilities. Verna is a woman of deep faith and of great abilities and experience. The parishes here are very lucky to have her and we look forward enormously to working with her and profiting from her goodness. The Holy Spirit is certainly looking after us here at the Catholic parishes of Bondi. **Fr Robbie**

**Christmas Envelopes**

The Christmas offering envelopes are now available for people wishing to make a donation for Christmas. Money raised will go towards supporting the priests of the Archdiocese.

Please note that Christmas donations are not tax deductible.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
invites you to  
**CHRISTMAS**  
at the Cathedral

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14-25 DECEMBER

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**From a letter of Pope St Leo the Great**

No doubt the Son of God in his omnipotence could have taught and sanctified men by appearing to them in a semblance of human form as he did to the patriarchs and prophets, when for instance he engaged in a wrestling contest or entered into conversation with them, or when he accepted their hospitality and even ate the food they set before him. But these appearances were only types, signs that mysteriously foretold the coming of one who would take a true human nature from the stock of the patriarchs who had gone before him. No mere figure, then, fulfilled the mystery of our reconciliation with God, ordained from all eternity. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon the Virgin nor had the power of the Most High overshadowed her, so that within her spotless womb Wisdom might build itself a house and the Word become flesh. The divine nature and the nature of a servant were to be united in one person so that the Creator of time might be born in time, and he through whom all things were made might be brought forth in their midst.

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

**Amen**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Philippians 4:4-5**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10**

**(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.**

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R.)**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **(R.)**
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**John 1:6-8. 19-28**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, ‘I am not the Christ.’ ‘Well then,’ they asked, ‘are you Elijah?’ ‘I am not,’ he said. ‘Are you the Prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?’ So John said, ‘I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.’

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf Isaiah 35:4**

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

