



## 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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#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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#### 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**

Verna Wing - **Office Administrator**

**Recently Deceased**

Richard Hart, John Stewart and Amato Maio

**Deceased**

All The Holy Souls

**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

**This Week's Mass Intentions:**

**Tues 2 Jan:** Holy Souls

**Wed 3 Jan:** Holy Souls

**Thurs 4 Jan:** Holy Souls

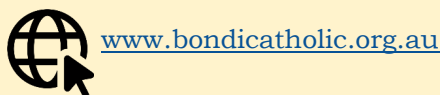
**Fri 5 Jan:** Holy Souls

**Sat 6 Jan:** Holy Souls

**Sun 7 Jan: 8:00am** Pro Populo  
**10:00am** Holy Souls  
**5:00pm** Holy Souls

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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,  
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**January Feast Days**

**8 January:**

The Baptism of the Lord

**13 January:**

St. Hilary

**17 January:**

St. Anthony, abbot

**20 January:**

St. Fabian

**22 January:**

St. Vincent

**24 January:**

St. Francis de Sales

**25 January:**

The Conversion of Saint Paul

**31 January:**

St. John Bosco

**The choir is currently in recess.**

**Epiphany House blessing with chalk *From: aleteia.org***

Each year around the feast of the Epiphany many parishes throughout the world participate in an annual blessing of chalk. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under his protection.

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries old tradition where priests would visit each home in their parish after the Feast of the Epiphany. Over time it became more difficult to accomplish such a feat as parishes became larger and larger and priests were stretched thin. For this reason it became an accepted tradition that a member of the household is able to lead this blessing in place of the priest. The blessing has biblical roots, tied to the Passover in the book of Exodus:

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt ... "take some of the blood [of the lamb], and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it ... The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." (cf. Exodus 12:1-13)

It is no coincidence that the Epiphany blessing is traditionally written on the lintel of the main doorway and even some of the prayers echo God's words of protection that he gave to Moses. While the Epiphany blessing was not given in the same manner as it was to Moses, the Church provides it for our own spiritual benefit. The Church desires our salvation and so gives us beautiful sacramentals to assist us along the path to Eternal Life.

Traditionally a priest blesses chalk on the Feast of the Epiphany by saying the following prayer (from the Roman Ritual):

Bless, + O Lord God, this creature, chalk, and let it be a help to mankind. Grant that those who will use it with faith in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Casper, Melchior, and Baltassar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord.

The chalk is then distributed after Mass. If your local parish does not administer such a blessing, inquire around and see if any neighboring parishes do. Parishioners then take the chalk home and use it while invoking God's blessing upon their home.

It is a beautiful blessing, one that brings many graces upon those who practice it in faith and is an added protection against any spiritual enemies that may be lurking around. The chalk and blessing prayer are available in both churches for people to take home.



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*"Behold I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:12)*

The Theology at the Beginning of the Third Millennium series convenors would like to welcome all interested academics and students to our fifth conference, which will focus on Eschatology. This conference series aims always to be collaborative and convivial while challenging and rigorous. We hope for a similar atmosphere this time!

**Date:** 9-10 February 2024

**Venue:** St. Benedict's Hall (NDS2), The University of Notre Dame Australia – Broadway Campus, Sydney

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1 YEAR  
MEMORIAL  
MASS

10 JANUARY 2024  
WEDNESDAY 5:30PM  
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND  
THE MASS AND TO PRAY AT THE  
CARDINAL'S TOMB IN THE CRYPT.



**The Three Gifts of The Magi**

In giving the infant Jesus gold and frankincense, the Magi evoke Isaiah 60:3, 6 in which Gentile nations bring these gifts to the God of Israel (see also Tobit 13:11, Psalms 72:10 -15). In addition, myrrh is an oil that was used to consecrate levitical priests and the wilderness tabernacle, the forerunner to the temple in Jerusalem (Ex. 30:23-33). Myrrh was also used as a burial ointment.

There are also the spiritual senses of Scripture (see the *Catechism* 115-19). In the allegorical or christological sense, St. Irenaeus says that the gifts signify the mystery of the Incarnate Word (God who has become man): gold, a symbol of royalty, represents his kingship; frankincense, used in worship, points to his divinity; and myrrh represents his humanity, particularly in his passion and death (*Against Heresies*, 3, 9, 2).

One could also argue that the myrrh signifies that Jesus is also a priest, in fact the definitive high priest who fulfills the Old Covenant levitical priesthood with his superior Melchizedekian New Covenant (see Heb. 5-7); it also indicates that he is the new Temple (see John 2:18-22).

In the moral sense, i.e., how we are to live, Pope St. Gregory the Great says in his *Homilies on the Gospels* (10) that the three items represent gifts that we are to present to God in our daily lives: gold is Christ's wisdom, which is to shine in our lives; frankincense is the prayer and adoration we are to give him (see Rev. 8:3-4); and myrrh is our daily self sacrifices to the Lord (see Matt. 39; Rom. 12:1).

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**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**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**

**Cf Malachi 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12**

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11 (R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past gen-

erations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 2:2**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

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

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf Matthew 2:2**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

