



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BOND

St Patrick's and St Anne's Parish Bulletin

MASS TIMES

Monday - St Anne's
No Mass
6.30pm Adoration & Confessions

Tuesday - St Anne's
7:15am

Wednesday - St Patrick's
7:15am

Thursday - St Patrick's
7.00pm
7:30pm Adoration & Confessions

Friday - St Anne's
9:15am

Saturday - St Anne's
9.00am

Sunday:
St Anne's - 8.00am & 5.00pm
St Patrick's - 10.00am

RAPHAEL'S "THE TRANSFIGURATION"



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Anthony Robbie - **Parish Priest**
Marian Abi Khattar - **Parish Manager & Parish Safeguarding Support Officer**
Eugene Raggio - **Music Director**
Verna Wing - **Office Administrator**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10.00 - 12:30pm,
1:30pm - 5.00pm
Fri: 10:30am - 2:30pm

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CONFESSION TIMES

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

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

Sunday: half an hour before each Mass



Recently Deceased

Fr William Aliprandi, Valerie Jenkins (née O'Brien), William Anthony Burnell

Deceased

John Charles McCarthy, Dr Geoffrey Leo Coffey, Nabil, George & Saydi El-Bety, Farid Beaini, Nisachol Malisorn

Anniversaries

Antonio and Angela Santamaria, Sarina and Filippo Santamaria, Filippo and Anthony Santamaria, Eve Salter, Val Ruff

Prayers for the Sick

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

Special Intentions

Da Costa Family and Allen Family

This Week's Mass Intentions:

Sun 25 Feb: 8.00am Eve Salter (RIP)
10.00am Pro Populo
5.00pm Holy Souls

Tues 27 Feb: Val Ruff (RIP)

Wed 28 Feb: Holy Souls

Thurs 29 Feb: Holy Souls

Fri 1 Mar: Holy Souls

Sat 2 Mar: Holy Souls

Sun 3 Mar : 8:00am Holy Souls
10:00am Pro Populo
5:00pm Holy Souls

Parish Primary School

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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.

Choir



At 10am Mass, the Choir will sing:

Offertory Motet: 'Locus Iste' (Bruckner)
Communion Motet: 'Christus Factus Est' (Anerio)

At 5pm Mass, the Choir will sing:

Offertory Motet: 'Ave Regina Caelorum' (Antonio Lotti)
Communion Motet: 'Reminiscere Miserationum Tuarum' (Heinrich Isaac)

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March Feast Days



- 4 March: St Casimir
- 7 March: Sts Perpetua and Felicity
- 8 March: St John of God
- 9 March: St Frances of Rome
- 18 March: St Patrick
- 19 March: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WOMEN'S NIGHT, 4TH OF MARCH

Female Vocations & the Spiritual Significance of Pilgrimages

SELINA HASHAM



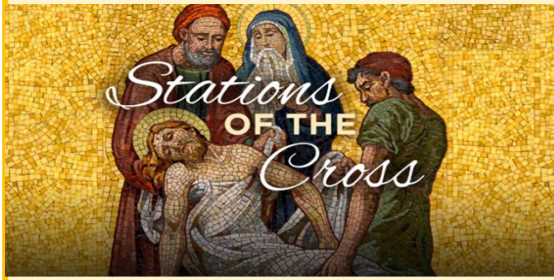
Selina is the CEO of Harvest Journeys, Australia's most well-known Catholic pilgrimage agency. Prior to this, Selina was Communications Director for the Diocese of Broken Bay and has worked in communications and creative direction in the Archdiocese of Sydney. With a rich background in communications and a deep-rooted commitment to the Church, Selina brings a wealth of expertise and passion to this topic.

7PM, ST PATRICKS BONDI, SEE YOU THEN!

Light food and drink will also be provided on the evening. We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP to the event on the Facebook event page or by emailing events@bondicatholic.org.au



Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in St Patrick's Church at 7.00pm, led by the Parish Priest.

Each week we use a different set of intentions. The devotions usually last about 30 minutes.

Lenten Program

Lenten groups meet Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in the parish Conference room under St Anne's Church.



Altar Society



The formation of an altar society is long overdue for both churches.

The duties of an altar society include care of the sacred linens, including the reverent laundering and preparation of those elements required for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as well as the preparation of the floral arrangements in the churches and occasional polishing or preparation of metal works.

If any members of the parish are interested in lending a hand, would they please contact Fr Robbie or the parish office for further information?

Lenten Reflection

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

The Three Pillars of Lent: The Power of Prayer
(an excerpt from the *Divine Word Missionaries* article)

The liturgical season of Lent can often become crowded and confused as we wrestle with what to give up and how to stay on track, but when we get down to the heart of it, Lent is about only one thing—growing deeper in our relationship with the Lord.

To help keep us on track, the church offers us three pillars to focus our efforts during the 40 days of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. While the practice of fasting during Lent is widely known and observed, many are not aware of how to properly answer the Church's prompt to incorporate prayer during this season.

God calls us to begin or strengthen our daily prayer regimen so that we may come to know him on a personal level. If we are truly going to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ, increasing our time in prayer is exactly where we need to start.

Prayer is our communication with God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a relationship of both listening and speaking. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "This mystery [of faith], then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer" (CCC 2558).

During Lent, we are called to pray as a way to connect with God and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. Prayer helps us become attuned to God's voice, seek forgiveness and grow closer to him. It's a time for self-reflection and renewal, inviting us to align our lives with God's will. Through prayer, we find comfort, hope and strength in knowing that God is with us during our 40-day journey through Lent and beyond.

Many saints also offered their personal reflections on what prayer is and how it unites us to God:

"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." — St. Therese of Lisieux

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." — St. John of Damascus

"Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him." — St. Augustine

Prayer is an essential component of growth in our relationship with the living God. If we have not already been incorporating prayer into our daily lives, Lent is an excellent time to start. We begin by reconciling ourselves to God, as Father Felmar Fiel SVD describes:

"This season reminds us that God wants us to be reconciled to him and to one another. He wants us to shed anger, bitterness and resentments that could decay our souls. If we truly desire God's love and mercy, we must learn to humble ourselves and seek not only divine forgiveness but to establish life-giving relationships around us."

Reconciliation comes through the sacrament of confession. As we set our relationship right with God, we can simultaneously add a manageable habit of prayer into our daily routine. Some examples could include:

- * A daily decade of the Rosary
- * A daily examination of conscience
- * Reading and reflecting on the daily Mass readings
- * Spending five minutes in silence every day, asking the Lord to speak to us.

If prayer is already a consistent habit in our daily lives, we can try adding something of greater intensity for the season of Lent such as attending daily Mass, praying a whole Rosary or chaplet every day or spending an extended period of time in silent contemplation.



The Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross and the Way of Sorrow (Via Crucis in Latin), detail fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus at any time of the year, though it is most popular during the Lenten season.

“The Way of the Cross is...a school for the examination of conscience, for conversion, for inner transformation and compassion — not as sentimentality, as a mere feeling, but as a disturbing experience that knocks on the door of my heart, that obliges me to know myself and to become a better person.” Pope Benedict XVI

Following Jesus as he makes the way to his death is disturbing; this is not a comfortable prayer. But by remembering the Stations of the Cross, walking with Jesus, and taking up our own crosses as Jesus calls us to do, we are pulled out of our selfishness. We become more willing to be patient, love, and sacrifice. We become more like the people God created us to be when we remember Christ’s sacrifice.

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 Psalm 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham,’ he called.’ Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted.’ O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord’s name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

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!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him

