



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BONDI

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

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

Preaching of St John the Baptist, Domenico Ghirlandaio 1486-90



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Anthony Robbie - **Parish Priest**
Safeguarding Support Officer
Eugene Raggio - **Music Director**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10.00 - 12:30pm,
1:30pm - 5.00pm
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Recently Deceased

William Hayward, John Radic, Patricia Dunn, Joy Jenkins, Iveta Gulcikova

Anniversaries

Luz Marina Ocampo Quinones, Rosalbina Blanco, Mary Moore

Prayers for the Sick

Angeles, Richard Broatch, Maria Barbara, Diana Margaret Duguid, Margaret Murphy and Fred Molloy, Thaddeus West, Barbara Bristowe, Sarena McKinney, John McKinney, Nicola Macgregor, Maria Dolores Herrera, John Alvarez

Special Intentions

Da Costa Family and Allen Family, Sadek Family

Bondi Catholic Harbour Sail



Scan the QR code to see more photos from our 2024 Bondi Catholic Harbour Sail.



This Week's Mass Intentions

Sun 15 Dec: 8.00am Martin Borg
10.00am Pro Populo
5:00pm W.A. Robbie (anniv.)

Tues 17 Dec: Angeles (health)

Wed 18 Dec: Richard Broatch (health)

Thurs 19 Dec: William Hayward (rec. dec.)

Fri 20 Dec: William Hayward (rec. dec.)

Sat 21 Dec: Luz Marina Ocampo Quinones (RIP)

Sun 22 Dec: 8:00am Rosalbina Blanco
10:00am Pro Populo
5.00pm Special Intention

Christmas gifts for the Sudanese Catholics



Each year our parish generously collects gifts for the needy which are distributed to the St Bakhita Centre, the Archdiocesan charity which supports the Catholic Sudanese Refugee community in Sydney. These people have suffered terribly for their faith and have sought a new home in Australia, but come here without anything. Next week, the First Sunday of Advent our Christmas trees will be erected in both churches. Please bring along a wrapped gift if you can for the poor refugees, remembering to include a label to tell if the gift is for an adult or a child, a boy or girl, man or woman as necessary. God bless you all at this generous season of the year.

Choir

At 10am Mass, the choir will sing:

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

Communion: 'Cantique de Jean Racine' (Fauré)



ST PETER'S PARISH
SURRY HILLS

Christmas
LESSONS & CAROLS

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER
6:30 PM

BBQ TO FOLLOW IN
COURTYARD, \$5 PP

Parish Primary School

Galilee Catholic Primary School
60B Blair Street, North Bondi
Ph: 9130 7082



A message 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. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5813 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



St. Bernard and the Essence of Advent

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a 12th-century monk, theologian and Doctor of the Church, masterfully brought Scripture to life with sermons that blend theological depth and spiritual warmth. His Advent and Christmas homilies, particularly on the three “advents” of Christ and Mary’s fiat, offer timeless guidance for believers during these special seasons. Below are reflections on one of his profound homilies.

The Three Advents of Christ

In his *5th Homily on the 3 Comings of Christ*, St. Bernard illuminates Advent as a season to meditate on three “advents” of Christ:

1. **The Past Coming:** Christ’s Incarnation, when He came in flesh and weakness to redeem humanity.
2. **The Present Coming:** Christ’s spiritual presence in our hearts and lives through grace, offering rest and consolation.
3. **The Future Coming:** Christ’s final return in glory and majesty, bringing the fullness of life and eternal reward.

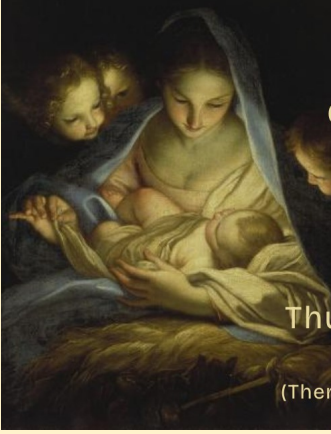
St. Bernard writes:

“In his first coming, he came in the flesh and weakness; in this middle one, in spirit and power; in the final one, in glory and majesty... This middle coming is the way by which one comes from his first to his final one. In his first coming, Christ was our redemption. In his final coming, he will appear as our life. In this middle one, he is our rest and consolation.”

This reflection deepens the significance of Advent. It is not only a time of remembering Christ’s birth or anticipating His return but also a call to recognise His active presence in our lives today. St. Bernard challenges us to allow Christ’s “middle coming” to transform us:

“Let it penetrate deep into the core of your soul and then flow out again in your feelings and the way you behave; because if you feed your soul well, it will grow and rejoice.”

Christmas
Mass Times



Christmas Vigil: 24th
December
6pm at St Anne’s

Christmas Day: 25th
December
8am at St Anne’s
10am at St Patrick’s

Thursday 26th December
9am at St Anne’s
(There will be no 7pm Mass & Adoration)

Accommodation



From time to time the office receives requests to find rooms to share or offers of rooms available. We have several requests from young Catholic men and women looking for flatmates at the moment. Please contact the office if you have a room or are looking for a room and we will try to put people in touch with each other.

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Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

The Scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent proclaim their message in no uncertain terms: Rejoice! Joy is all around us and our celebration of Advent calls us to discover it. The joy that the Scripture passages speak about is not a joy that equates with hilarious laughter. It is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is a joy that cannot be bought or obtained from artificial highs. It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God. It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! (Zephaniah 3:14)

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

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

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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.

