



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
No Mass

Wednesday - St Patrick's
No Mass

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

The Good Samaritan Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld 1833



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Anthony Robbie - **Parish Priest**
Marcia da Costa - **Safeguarding Support Officer**
Michael Murphy - **Music Director**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues/Wed: 9.00 - 4.00 pm
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July: Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Amen

Recently Deceased

Donald MacDonald, Mary Philomena O'Haire, Slade Hedderman, Vittorio Majer, Joseph Kazzi, Christopher Cotton, Pope Francis, Dr Harry Rich, Yvonne Tannous, Father David Coffey

Anniversaries

Rosalbina Blanco, Lucie Ruff, Ted Sime, Jake Michael Epstein, Harold Sadler, Joan Sadler, Jose Luis Herrera, Tess King, Fay Clark, Maria Da Costa, John Sadler, Adelina Pelosi, Tony Finlay

Prayers for the Sick

Paul Joseph Christie, Juan Carlos Venegas, Lolita Herrera, Raymi Fernandez, Nicola Macgregor, Angeles Basauilbaso, Leonie Roser, Cynthia Nolan, Christine Aguirre, Fernando Nora Villalobos, Toody Peterson

Special Intentions

Da Costa-Allen Family, Sadek Family

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sun 13 July: 8:00am Mary Philomena O'Haire
10:00am Pro Populo
5.00pm Special Intention

Tues 15 July: Holy Souls

Wed 16 July: Holy Souls

Thurs 17 July: Holy Souls

Fri 18 July: Rosalbina Blanco

Sat 19 July: Holy Souls

Sun 20 July: 8:00am Donald MacDonald
10:00am Pro Populo
5.00pm Special Intention

Parish Primary School

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Reflection on the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Lord, may your word be in my mouth and in my heart, so that I may do it (Dt 30:14)

God's law is the axis around which today's Liturgy revolves. "You will obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping his commandments and his statutes" (Dt 30:10). God did not remain aloof from the life of man, but stooped down to him, set up a covenant with him, and made his will known in the law. It was not an abstract law, imposed solely from without, but inscribed in the heart of man from the first moment of creation; hence it was a law in harmony with his nature, responding to his essential needs, and suited to leading him toward full realization of himself according to God's purpose for him. "For this commandment which I command you this day"—says the sacred text—"is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. . . . But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it" (ib. 11:14).

The word then became inexpressibly near to man when God's eternal Word, his only Son, was made flesh and came to set up his dwelling among men, revealing to them in the fullest way the divine will as set forth in the Commandments, teaching them how to practice these with perfection. The Gospel of the day (Lk 10:25-37) shows us Jesus in conversation with a doctor of the law about the greatest commandment: love for God and for our neighbor. He questioned the Master, not from a desire to learn, but "to put him to the test" (ib. 25); he ended his inquiry by asking: "And who is my neighbor?" (ib. 29). Jesus did not answer with a definition, but with the story of a poor fellow who had been set upon by brigands, and robbed, and left half dead by the roadside. Two men passed him by—a priest and a Levite—they saw him, but went on their way without bothering to do anything for him; only a Samaritan took pity on him and stopped to help him.

The conclusion is clear: we are not to make distinctions, either of religion or nationality, of friend or foe; anyone in need of help is our "neighbor" and must be loved as we each love ourselves. In addition the parable forced the doctor of the law to recognize that the law itself had been fulfilled, not by men who were especially learned in it like the priest and the Levite, but by a Samaritan whom the Jews looked upon as an unbeliever and a sinner; it was this very person who was being proposed as a model to those of pharisaic mentality who considered themselves just, sinless observers of the law. "Go and do likewise," Jesus told him. Indeed, it matters little if we know moral law perfectly and can discuss it and philosophize about it, if, in actual fact, we do not know how to put our most basic obligations into practice in cases that are as clear and urgent as the one brought out by the parable. The hard-hearted and the selfish will always find a thousand excuses to shirk helping their neighbor, especially when doing so is inconvenient and requires sacrifice.

The second reading (Col 1:15-20) treats of an entirely different subject; it celebrates the greatness of Christ: his absolute supremacy over everything which had been created "through him and for him" (ib. 16), his sovereignty over men who are reconciled with God "through him" and redeemed "by the blood of his cross" (ib. 20). Yet we can see a relationship to today's Gospel: Jesus, "the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation," wishes to be acknowledged and loved by men in so humble and visible an image as our neighbor. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40); this amounts to saving that a Christian must love his neighbor not only as himself, but as he is bound to love the Lord himself.





Congratulations to Ray Roumanus

We are filled with immense joy and gratitude to announce that **Ray Roumanus** has been awarded the **Dempsey Medal**, one of the highest honours the Archbishop of Sydney bestows upon the laity.

This prestigious award is given to those who have made outstanding contributions and offered dedicated service to their parish. It is named after James Dempsey, an inspiring lay pioneer in early Sydney's Catholic history, whose home became a gathering place for the faithful when priests were scarce. Like Dempsey, who was a quiet but essential force in building the Church community and even the first St Mary's Cathedral, Ray has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and selfless service.

Ray is being recognised for his tireless volunteer work for the parish. He is incredibly generous with his time and volunteers for any work required, including gardening, reading at Mass and assisting with the church morning teas at St Anne's. He also coordinates the Catechist program, helps to ensure the success of all parish events, and organises many of the maintenance works needed around the parish. Ray in his kindness can always be called upon at short notice to assist in any task that needs to be done at our parish.

This medal is a powerful testament to Ray's faithful witness and his deep commitment to Christ's mission. We are truly blessed to have him as part of our parish family. Please join us in congratulating Ray on this well-deserved honour.

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First Holy Communion 2025

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, 14th September, 2025**, at the **10am Mass** at **St Patrick's Church Bondi**. This is a truly special moment in a child's faith journey.



Preparation Program Details

To prepare for this Sacrament, a four-week instruction program is required. Parents/guardians must attend all sessions with their child. We think you'll find the program both informative and rewarding.

The sessions are:

- **Tuesday, 19th August**
- **Tuesday, 26th August**
- **Tuesday, 2nd September**
- **Tuesday, 9 September**

All sessions begin at **6:30 PM** in **St Anne's Parish Hall** (Oakley Road entrance). To enrol your child, please email the Parish Office at admin@bondicatholic.org.au to get an enrolment form. **Enrolments close on August 14th.**

Cancellation of weekly Masses

Father Robbie is on retreat this week. Please pray for Father Robbie. The following masses will be cancelled this week: Tuesday and Wednesday.

MENS NIGHT

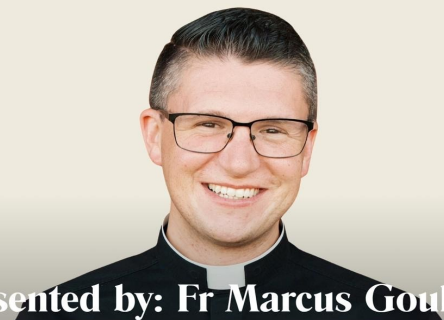
Reading the Scriptures

Monday 14 July

6:30PM | ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM | DINNER

8:30 PM | TALK



Presented by: Fr Marcus Goulding



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 Psalm 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'
But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Communion Antiphon

John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.