



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BONDÍ

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

Christ in the House of Martha and Mary by Johannes Vermeer 1655



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

Tues 22 July: Holy Souls

Wed 23 July: Holy Souls

Thurs 24 July: Holy Souls

Fri 25 July: Holy Souls

Sat 26 July: Fabio Melo

Sun 27 July: 8:00am Rosalbina Blanco
10:00am Pro Populo
5.00pm Special Intention

Parish Primary School

Galilee Catholic Primary School
60B Blair Street, North Bondi



Reflection on the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

My Lord, I beg you . . . do not pass by your servant (Gen 18:3)

God's dwelling among men and the hospitality men offer him is the thought-provoking theme of today's Gospel. In the first reading (Gen 18:1-10a) we have the remarkable appearance of Yahweh to Abraham in the guise of three mysterious personages, the visible representatives of the invisible majesty of God. The exceptional concern with which Abraham welcomed them and the sumptuous banquet that he prepared for them reveal the patriarch's intuition of an extraordinary divine event. "My Lord"—he said, prostrating himself to the ground—"if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant" (ib. 3). Much more than a simple invitation, these words were a supplication expressing his keen desire to be host to the Lord, to welcome him into his own tent, to keep him near.

Abraham also showed himself here "the friend of God" (Is 41:8) who treated with the Lord with the greatest respect, and at the same time with humble confidence and a lively desire to serve him. At the end of the meal, the promise of a child, in spite of the advanced age of both Abraham and Sara, clearly revealed the supernatural nature of the three personages, one of whom spoke as God himself would speak (ib. 13). Ancient Christian tradition saw this apparition—of three men greeted by Abraham as a single son—as a symbol of the Trinity. In any case, the truth is that "the Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mambre" (ib. 1), spoke with him, and dealt familiarly with him, even sitting down at his table.

Today's Gospel also shows God sitting at table with men, but this time with an absolutely new concreteness, for God's Son had taken flesh, and come to live among men. The scene took place at Bethany, in the home of Martha, where Jesus was given hospitality with a concern that was very much like that of Abraham for his visitors. Like him, Martha busied herself in preparing a very special dinner; but her solicitude was not shared by her sister who, in imitation rather of Abraham's eagerness to linger in God's presence, took advantage of the Master's visit to sit at his feet and listen to him. In reality, although Martha's intentions were of the very best, and all her preparations were an expression of her love, there was a still better way to welcome the Lord; as he himself declared, it was the one Mary chose.

In fact when God visits man, it is above all to bring him his gifts and his word, and man must not think that busying himself in work is more important than listening to the word of the Lord. Whatever God does and says to men is always worth more than what they can do for him.

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful" (ib. 41-42).

This one thing is so necessary that without it there is no salvation, for the word of God is the word of eternal life, and to listen to it is an absolute necessity. A man is saved, not by the multiplicity of works, but by the word of God heard with love, and lived with faithfulness.

"Mary has chosen the good portion" (ib. 42).

Such a choice is not to be left only to contemplatives; every Christian ought, at least to some extent, make it his own, not presuming to devote himself to activity without having first thoroughly examined the word of the Lord in prayer. Only in this way will he be able to live the gospel even when doing so is arduous and entails sacrifice. St. Paul could say joyfully: "In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church" (Col 1:24; 2nd reading); because he had meditated at length upon the gospel and had understood the mystery of Christ, he had found the strength to relive it within himself.



WOMEN'S NIGHT, 4TH OF AUGUST

*How do we grow in prayerful
silence in this busy world?*

SISTER MALIYA SUEN RSM



Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, is a Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, and is currently assigned to their local convent in Sydney. Based on the writings of their foundress, Mother Catherine McAuley, Sister Maliya will give a reflection on cultivating a habit of silence to aid our growth in the interior life and in discernment

7:00PM, ST PATRICKS BONDI, SEE YOU THEN!

Dinner provided. Please RSVP to events@bondicatholic.org.au

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, 9th September

All sessions begin at **6:30pm** 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**.

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.



Prayer to Saint Anne

O Glorious St. Anne, you are compassionate toward those in need who invoke your heavenly intercession. Burdened with life's difficulties, I place myself before you, and ask that you assist me with the petitions and intentions I now recommend to your special protection.

(Here mention your requests.)

Place my concerns before Our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek the loving aid of your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please continue interceding for me until my requests are granted.

Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day seeing Almighty God face to face, with you and Mary and all the saints, honouring and praising God through all eternity.

Pray for us, good St. Anne. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ..

Gracious God, who chose St. Anne to bring into the world the mother of Your only Son. Mercifully grant to us who devoutly honour her memory, the grace of happiness in this life, and the joy of life with You for all eternity.



Feast and Memorial Days

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| 22 July | Feast St Mary Magdalene |
| 23 July | Saint Bridget, religious |
| 24 July | Saint Charbel Makhlof, priest |
| 25 July | Feast Saint James, apostle |
| 26 July | Sts Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary |



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

Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue
(R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

