



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

Almighty God the Father by Antoine Coypel 1665



PARISH STAFF

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Throughout the month of August, we are invited to reflect on Mary's pure heart, her steadfast love, and her towering virtue.



O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in our Most Holy Mother, whom we invoke under the title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and grant us by her most powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need.

Through Christ Our Lord. 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

Beani family and El-Bety family, Rosalbina Blanco, Fabio Melo, Lucie Ruff, Ted Sime, Jake Michael Epstein, Harold Sadler, Joan Sadler, Jose Luis Herrera, Tess King, Fay Clark

Prayers for the Sick

Sarena McKinney, Paul Joseph Christie, Juan Carlos Venegas, Lolita Herrera, Raymi Fernandez, Nicola Macgregor, Angeles Basaulbaso, Leonie Roser

Special Intentions

Da Costa-Allen Family, Sadek Family

This Week's Mass Intentions

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

Tues 29 July: Holy Souls

Wed 30 July: Beaini and El-Bety family

Thurs 31 July: Holy Souls

Fri 1 August: Holy Souls

Sat 2 August: Holy Souls

Sun 3 August: 8:00am Sarena McKinney
10:00am Pro Populo
5.00pm Special Intention

Parish Primary School

Galilee Catholic Primary School
60B Blair Street, North Bondi



Reflection on the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands (Ps 138:8) Man's prayer and God's merciful acquiescence are the interwoven themes of today's readings. In the first place we are given the touching yet daring prayer of Abraham on behalf of the two sinful cities (Gen 18:20-32 1st reading), a magnificent expression of his confidence in God and of his concern for the salvation of others. God had revealed to him his plan for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, which were corrupt in the extreme, and the patriarch sought to ward off this punishment for the sake of the just who might be found in the midst of the sinners. But he was forced to come down gradually from his first suggestion of fifty just men to the much lesser number of ten: "Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there" (ib. 32).

Neither the benevolent acquiescence of God who each time accepted the smaller number, nor Abraham's heartfelt entreaty succeeded in saving the city, because of its general perversion; only Lot's family was to be saved to give testimony to divine mercy and to the powers of Abraham's intercession. This episode remains forever a proof of the terrible consequences of obstinacy in evil and of the saving power of good through which only ten just men—if they had been found—would have been able to prevent the destruction of the two cities.

But notice in the New Testament how there opens a new and wonderful page in God's mercy: a single just man, "the Servant of Yahweh," already foretold by the prophets, is sufficient to save not two cities, nor a country, but the whole of humanity. God has forgiven all the sins of men in virtue of Christ's passion, "having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands: this he set aside, nailing it to the cross" (Col 2:14; 2nd reading). St. Paul's imaginative sentence gives a good explanation of how the enormous weight of the sins of the whole human race has been canceled by Christ's death. Nevertheless, not even his superabundant expiation will be of use to individual souls if these do not cooperate with their own personal renunciation.

The Gospel again takes up a full treatment of the topic of prayer. At the request of his disciples, Jesus teaches them how to pray: "When you pray, say: 'Father hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come'" (ib. 2). Abraham, the friend of God, used to call him "my Lord"; the Christian, on the authority of Jesus, calls him "Father," a name that gives his prayer an entirely new filial tone, so that he is now free to pour out his heart into the heart of God by declaring his needs in the simplest and most spontaneous form, such as that indicated in the "Our Father." Besides, through the parable of the importunate friend, Jesus teaches us to pray with perseverance and insistence—as Abraham did—without fear of being indiscreet: "Ask, seek, knock."

There are no inopportune times for God: he is never vexed by the humble and confident prayer of his children; on the contrary, he is pleased by it: "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened" (ib. 10). And if we do not always get everything we want, it is nevertheless certain that our prayer is never going to be wasted because our heavenly Father always responds with his love and his favors, even though it may be in a hidden way or in one that is different from what we expect.

The important thing is not to receive this or that favor, but that we may never lack the grace to be faithful to God every day of our lives. This grace is assured to anyone who prays without tiring: "If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (ib. 13). In the gift of the Holy Spirit are included all the supernatural blessings that God wishes to grant his children.



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.



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 for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne, look with love on grandparents.

Protect and support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI



Feast and Memorial Days

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| 29 July | Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus |
| 30 July | Saint Chrysologus, bishop, doctor |
| 31 July | Saint Ignatius Loyola, priest |
| 1 August | Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor |
| 2 August | Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest |



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 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.