



### 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

Mitchell Irvine, 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

Marija Family Barclay, Sarena McKinney, Paul Joseph Christie, Juan Carlos Venegas, Lolita Herrera, Raymi Fernandez, Nicola Macgregor, Angeles Basauilbaso, Leonie Roser

### Special Intentions

Da Costa-Allen Family, Sadek Family

### This Week's Mass Intentions

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

**Tues 29 July:** Marija Family Barclay

**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 Mitchell Irvine  
10:00am Pro Populo  
5.00pm Special Intention

### Parish Primary School

Galilee Catholic Primary School  
60B Blair Street, North Bondi



### Reflection on the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Come, let us sing to the Lord, . . . the rock of our salvation (Ps 95:1).

The theme presented in this Sunday's readings treats of the value of worldly realities—life, work, riches, etc—and the Christian's conduct in regard to these. The first reading (Eccles 1:2;2:21-23) explains vanity, that is the inconsistency of the things of the world which pass with the swiftness of wind: "Vanity of vanities. All is vanity". Man's life is short, destined to perish; his labor and his wisdom can, at the most, procure him a sizable estate, but he will one day be forced to give it up. Then why all this bustle? "What has a man from all the toil and strain with which he toils beneath the sun?" (ib. 2:22). Of what use are his days, tormented with grief and worry? And his sleepless nights?

The brief passage does not give the answer, but limits itself to the observation that life in the world, lived for itself, disconnected from God and from a higher purpose, is frustrating indeed. Already in the Old Testament, and especially in the Book of Wisdom which speaks of man's immortality, we find the solution to this painful problem. But only the New Testament gives us definite answer: all worldly realities are of value in relation to God when they are used in the manner he has ordained.

The second reading also refers to this (Col 3:1-5,9-11) in the well-known sentence of St. Paul: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above . . . set your minds things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (ib. 1-2). As Christians reborn through baptism to a new life in Christ, we know that our destiny is not closed within earthly horizons, and that, even while we must attend to the duties of this present life, our heart must be directed toward our final goal: eternal life in eternal fellowship with God. Therefore we do not expect from earthly life the happiness which it cannot give us, and which we can find only in God.

Consequently we shall be moderate in our use of earthly goods, and shall know how to mortify ourselves—in our passions, in corrupt desires, in cupidity (ib. 5)—and to die to sin, which separates us from God, in order to live, instead, "with Christ in God" (ib. 3). But the direct answer to the first reading is in the Gospel of the day (Lk 12:13-21); it is introduced by Jesus' resolute refusal to intervene in the division of an inheritance. He had come to bring eternal life, not to occupy himself with temporal goods, which can offer no stability to our existence.

"Take heed and beware of all covetousness"—said the Lord—"for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (ib. 15).

He immediately added the parable of the foolish rich man, which gave a practical demonstration of the wisdom of his warning. This man had reaped such an abundant harvest from his land that he did not know where to store it. But while he was planning to build new granaries, intending to enjoy his wealth for a long time, he was called by God to render an account and heard him say: "The things you have prepared, whose will they be?" (ib. 20). The stupidity and sin of this man consisted in his having accumulated wealth for the sole purpose of selfishly enjoying it: "My soul . . . take your ease, eat, drink, be merry" (ib. 19), with no thought of the needs of his neighbor nor of his obligations toward God.

God was entirely absent from his plans, as if his life, instead of depending on God, depended on his material wealth: "You have ample goods laid up for many years" (ib.). But that very night his life is cut short, and he finds himself empty-handed before God, lacking in the good works necessary for eternity. The parable concludes: "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (ib. 20).





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](mailto:events@bondicatholic.org.au)

## Parish Family Mass ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 24TH  
SUNDAY 5:00 PM

THE SCHOOL CHOIR IS INVITED TO SING



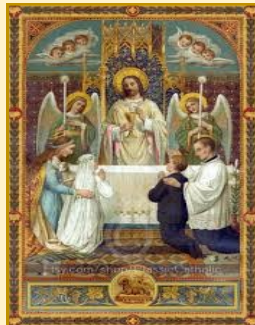
Followed by a BBQ in the school ground.  
Please RSVP by email  
[lucy.hayward@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lucy.hayward@syd.catholic.edu.au)



SAVE THE DATE

### 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](mailto:admin@bondicatholic.org.au) to get an enrolment form.

## PARISH ROSARY GROUP



*"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary."*

Every Thursday in August

JOIN US FOR THE HOLY ROSARY

ST PATRICK'S BONDI  
6:30 PM: HOLY ROSARY  
7:00 PM: MASS

FOLLOWED BY ADORATION AND CONFESSION



### Feast and Memorial Days

- 4 August Saint John Mary Vianney, Priest
- 5 August Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
- 6 August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- 7 August Saint Sixtus II, Pope and his Companions, Martyrs
- 8 August Saint Mary of the Cross (Mackillop), Virgin

### 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.



### 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 69:2,6**

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### First Reading

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when

Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 12:13-21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Wisdom 16:20**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

