



## 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

The wise and the foolish virgin, by Jan Adam Kruseman Circe 1848



#### 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  
**Thurs:** 9.30 - 3.30 pm  
**Fri:** 10:00am - 4.00pm

#### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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#### 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

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**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



Rubens, 1626, the Cathedral of Our Lady, Antwerp

**The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

This **Friday 15 August** the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On this Feast, Catholics traditionally celebrate Mary going to heaven. The tradition is that 'God took Mary, body and soul, to heaven after her life on earth had come to an end.

**Mass Times**

**9:15am: St. Anne's**

**7:00pm: St. Patrick's**

**Reflection on the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.**

“Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you” (Ps 33:22)

Today's Liturgy sums up the life of faith in expectation of the heavenly homeland. It begins with a short passage from the Book of Wisdom (18:6-9), which records the prophetic night of the liberation of the chosen people. It was a night of grief and slaughter for the Egyptians who saw their first-born perish, because they had rejected the word of God which Moses had announced to them; for the Hebrews it was a night of joy and deliverance, for they had believed in the divine promises and were spared, and began their march of liberation toward the desert where God was awaiting them in order to draw up his covenant with them. The presence or absence of faith decided the fate of the two nations, and while ruin cut down the unbelieving, salvation was given to those who believed.

The whole history of the Jewish people whom God had chosen as “his” people is interwoven with the thread of faith. The theme is continued in the second reading (Heb 11:1-2,8-19), where St. Paul sketches out with masterly effectiveness the great figure of Abraham, the father of believers. The Patriarch's entire life is in rhythm with his wonderful faith. Through faith Abraham obeyed God, left his country, and set out for a destination that was not yet made clear. Through faith he believed that although by that time he was enfeebled with age, he would have a child by Sara who too was already old. Through faith he did not waver, after the divine command to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, from whom he had hoped to have the descendants God had promised.

Abraham believed against all evidence and all hope, for “he considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead” (ib. 19). His conduct clearly showed that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen” (ib. 1). With unshakeable faith, he awaited the fulfillment of the divine promises even when the last spark of hope was about to be extinguished; he awaited without flinching because he did not set his hope on earthly values, but “looked forward to the city . . . whose builder and maker is God” (ib. 10). The day's Gospel (Lk 12:32-48) likewise invites us to confidence: “You also must be ready” (ib. 40); ready in faith and hope in expectation of the day of the Lord, of the heavenly city.

The gospel passage begins with a promise expressing a tenderness that is more than paternal: “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (ib. 32). Although the disciples of Jesus were few in number and scattered in the midst of an unbelieving world, they must not fear: the Father has made them heirs of the kingdom, and their certitude of reaching it one day is based upon him. But, like Abraham, they must renounce worldly security and accept living as poor men, detached, uprooted, wholly stretched out toward the true treasure which is not on earth, but in heaven. Therefore they must have no excessive preoccupation nor anxiety over temporal things; rather, they should deal with these with “loins . . . girded and . . . lamps burning, . . . like men who are waiting for their master . . . so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks” (ib. 35-36).

The parable of the faithful steward follows, for the purpose of stressing the grave responsibility of those who are entrusted with providing for their brothers. Woe to them if, while waiting for their master, who “delayed in coming” (ib. 45), they should take advantage of their position at the expense of those who had been entrusted to their care. A protracted delay cannot authorize any negligence or intemperance. When will the Lord come? When and how shall we be brought into his eternal kingdom? This is God's secret. Christians too, like Abraham, must wait in faith and hope without knowing when or how the divine promises will be fulfilled.

**Recently Deceased**

Fr Chris Riley, Margaret Singer, Mitchell Irvine, Donald MacDonald, Mary Philomena O'Haire, Bishop Peter Elliott

**Anniversaries**

Beani family and El-Bety family, Rosalbina Blanco, Fabio Melo,

**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 10 August:** 8:00am Mitchell Irvine  
10:00am Pro Populo  
5.00pm Special Intention

**Tues 12 August:** Margaret Singer

**Wed 13 August:** Holy Souls

**Thurs 14 August:** Holy Souls

**Fri 15 August:** Special Intention-Jennifer Blanco Epstein

**Sat 16 August:** Holy Souls

**Sun 17 August:** 8:00am Fr Chris Riley  
10:00am Pro Populo  
5.00pm Special Intention

**Parish Primary School**

Galilee Catholic Primary School  
60B Blair Street, North Bondi





### 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.

## MENS NIGHT

**Monday 18 August - Saint Anne's, Bondi Beach**

6:30PM | ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM | DINNER

8:30 PM | TALK

Justice Lee is a prominent distinguished barrister and judge of the Federal Court of Australia. He is a much sought after speaker at Australian and international forums.

Presented by:

His Honour Justice Michael Lee



### 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.

Enrolments close on **August 14th**.



## BONDI PARISH RETREAT

SATURDAY



6 SEPTEMBER

RETREAT TALK PRESENTED  
BY **FR ROBBIE**  
PRECEDED BY MASS

LUNCH NOT PROVIDED. BUS WILL TRANSPORT FOLK INTO TOWN TO PURCHASE FOOD.  
BUS TRAVELLERS: PARKING AVAILABLE AT GALILEE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

DEPT: 9:30AM, RET: 5:00PM

**MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE - 230 FAIRLIGHT ROAD, MULGOA**

IF COMING BY CAR PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:30AM, MEET AT THE FAMILY HALL

## 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

### CWF Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August 2025

Appeal is being held this weekend.



Please keep alive the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at [www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf) or complete the envelopes provided (on the bulletin tables). **Please place all cash donation envelopes in the collection plate. For Credit Cards and Cheques please send the donations directly to the CWF using the envelopes provided (postage paid).** All donations contribute to our quotas (St Anne's: \$38400 & St Patrick's: \$17900).

### 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 73:20,19,22,23**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First Reading

**Wisdom 18:6-9**

#### A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They

lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 12:35-40**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Psalm 147:12,14**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

