

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

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







PARISH STAFF

Fr. Anthony Robbie - Parish Priest

Marcia da Costa -Safeguarding Support

Officer

Michael Murphy - Music Director

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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SUNDAY 07/09/2025 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C



September: Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

September holds a special place in the liturgical calendar as the month dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. This devotion invites the faithful to meditate on the profound sufferings that the Blessed Virgin Mary endured throughout her life. Reflecting on these sorrows helps deepen our understanding of

Mary's role in the story of salvation and her compassionate heart, which bore immense pain for the sake of humanity.

Recently Deceased

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

Anniversaries

Mae Fur, Tia Liem, J.Leg, Mary Rebecca Sheehy, J. Allan, Rose Stewart, Cole Toplis, Daisy Sadler, Mike Croker, John Ivan Radic, Sr Luiza De Chantal

Prayers for the Sick

Robert Da Costa, 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 7 Sept: 8:00am Pro Populo

10:00am William Clements **5.00pm** Special Intention

Tues 9 Sept: Mae Fur, Tia Liem, J.Leg

Wed 10 Sept: Holy Souls
Thurs 11 Sept: Holy Souls

Fri 12 Sept: Private Intention

Sat 13 Sept: Holy Souls

Sun 14 Sept: 8:00am Holy Souls

10:00am Pro Populo5.00pm Special Intention

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.

Parish Primary School

Galilee Catholic Primary School 60B Blair Street, North Bondi





Reflection on the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Who had learned your counsel, unless you had given wisdom and sent your holy Spirit from on high? (Wis 9:17)

"For what man can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills?" (1st reading, Wis 9:13-18). How can man who scarcely understands the things of earth expect to penetrate the thought of God and to understand "heavenly matters?" Our reasoning is "worthless" and always prone to error, because the senses often deceive us, causing us to choose transitory values in preference to eternal ones, immediate goods rather than future ones. It is impossible to escape from these temptations and aberrations without God's help. He alone can give us the wisdom that will enlighten us on the path to the good, and teach us what is pleasing to him. As Scripture says: "And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and men were taught . . . and were saved by wisdom" (ib. 18).

This teaching reached its high point when Jesus, eternal Wisdom, came to show us, by word and example, the way of salvation. This is the theme of today's Gospel (Lk 14:25-33). "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (ib. 26). Here the verb "hate," according to Semitic usage, means "to love less" or "not to prefer" as we see in the same passage in Matthew: "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (10:37).

Only God has the right to absolute primacy in the heart and life of man; Jesus is God, and so it is logical for him to exact that primacy as an indispensable condition for being his disciple. "The Lord"—St. Ambrose comments—"does not command us either to ignore nature or to be its slave: what he does command is that we follow nature in worshiping its Author, but do not swerve from God through love of our parents" (In Luke VII, 201). This holds true for all, even for the simple faithful, just as the following sentence is valid for all: "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:27).

Jesus is on his way toward Jerusalem where he is to be crucified, and he makes known to the crowd that is following him the necessity of carrying their cross with love and constancy as he did. He carried his cross even to dying nailed to it; a Christian must not think of carrying it only sometimes during his life, but must embrace it everyday until death. Just as it is not right to prefer to Christ any creature, even the dearest, so it is also not right to put our own welfare, or advantage, or pleasure ahead of him; in order to follow him who died on the cross in order to save us, we in our turn must be prepared to risk our lives.

This is the wisdom that Jesus taught, so very different from human reasoning which is preoccupied with transitory good and neglects the eternal. The two short parables which follow—that of the man who wishes to build a tower, and that of the king who wishes to go to war—bid us consider the following of Christ as a most important and compelling undertaking, and therefore one which cannot be faced lightly. However, in this case, we cannot limit ourselves—like the two protagonists in the parables—to calculating our resources and personal energies to see if we can undertake the work; rather we must keep the most important element in mind: the grace of God, which is bounteously given to every one who desires to be faithful to Christ. If afterwards God calls a soul to a more direct and exclusive way of following him, it is certain that he will, at the same time, give the corresponding grace.







TUESDAY MORNINGS 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



PARISH HALL ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

On the corner of Bondi Rd & Wellington St

We warmly invite you to join our weekly playgroup whether you're a new mum with a newborn or a seasoned mother with a toddler.

Details

Free weekly playgroup ◀

Suited for ages new born to 2 years old

Like-minded mothers ◀

Nurturing friendships to create a network of faith-filled women to support your journey of motherhood

What to expect ◀

Bible stories for children, liturgically themed activities throughout the year, toys & play equipment provided for you



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HOLY ROSARY

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BONDI **EVERY THURSDAY IN SEPTEMBER**6.30PM FOLLOWED BY MASS AND ADORATION.



A TITLE GIVEN TO MARY AS SHE SUFFERED ALONGSIDE CHRIST

MENS NIGHT

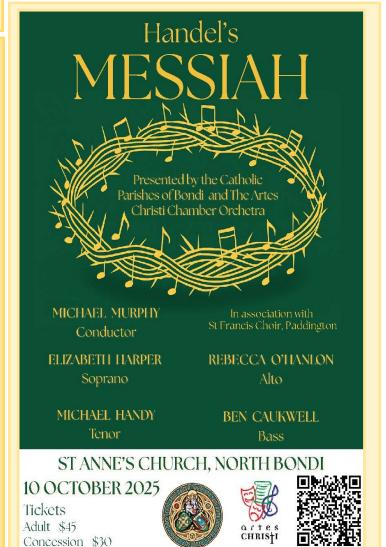
An Evening with Fr Peter Joseph Monday 15 September

6:30PM | ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
7:30 PM | DINNER

8:30 PM | TALK

Author, professor of Dogmatic Theology, and former chancellor of the Maronite Diocese of Australia.







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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 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

- 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

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own

self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

