



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



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Anthony Robbie - **Parish Priest**
Marcia da Costa - **Safeguarding Support Officer**
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November: Month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory



November is devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Let's join in prayer.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Recently Deceased

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

Anniversaries

Ann Geary, Mary Murphy, Moira Sime, John Grainger, Farid Beani, Nabil El Bety, Robert Francis Sadler, Harriett Daisy Forrester, John Maloney, John Cotter, Norma O'Leary,

Prayers for the Sick

Nicola Macgregor, Fr Pat Keenan, Lolita Herrera, Robert Da Costa, Marija Family Barclay, Sarena McKinney, Paul Joseph Christie, Juan Carlos Venegas, Raymi Fernandez

Special Intentions

Da Costa-Allen Family, Sadek Family

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sun 26 Oct:	8:00am Special Intention 10:00am Pro Populo 5.00pm Special Intention
Tues 28 Oct:	Nicola MacGregor
Wed 29 Oct:	Holy Souls
Thurs 30 Oct:	Holy Souls
Fri 31 Oct:	Holy Souls
Sat 1 Nov:	Holy Souls
Sun 2 Nov:	8:00am Pro Populo 10:00am Ann Geary 5.00pm 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
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Reflection on 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

O Lord, you are near to the broken-hearted, you save the crushed in spirit (Ps 34:18)

"The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds" (Sir 35:17), and obtains grace; this is the focal point of this Sunday's Liturgy. We must perform good works, must offer sacrifice to God, but we must not think that we are "buying" God with such means. God is not like men who let themselves be corrupted by gifts and services rendered; he looks only at the heart of the one who has recourse to him. If he has preferences it is always for those that the Bible calls "the poor of Yahweh" who turn to him with a humble, contrite, trusting heart, convinced that they have no right to his favors.

The first reading (ib. 12-14, 16-18) is a direct eulogy of the justice of God, who is no respecter of persons. "With him there is no partiality" (ib. 12-13); but he listens to the prayers of the poor, the defenseless, the orphans, and the widows. It is a eulogy of the prayer of the humble, who are conscious of their indigence and of their need of help and of salvation. This is the prayer that "pierces the clouds" and obtains justice and peace. The Old Testament passage is an excellent introduction to the Gospel's parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Lk 18:9-14), in which Jesus compares the prayer of the proud and that of the humble. A Pharisee and a tax collector go to the temple for the identical purpose: to pray; but their manner of carrying this out is diametrically opposite. For the first, prayer is simply a pretext for boasting about his own justice at the expense of his neighbor. "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers. . . I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get" (ib. 11-12). Who then is more just than he, who is without sin, and fulfills all the requirements of the law? He feels himself worthy of God's favor, and expects it as a reward for his good services. The Pharisee is satisfied with, and takes pleasure in, an exterior legal justice, while his heart is full of pride and scorn for his neighbor.

On the other hand, the tax collector confesses that he is a sinner, and rightly so, because his conduct is not in conformity with God's law. However, he is repentant, he recognizes his moral wretchedness, and realizes that he is not worthy of divine favor: "He would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'" (ib. 13). Then comes the disconcerting conclusion: "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other" (ib. 14).

Jesus does not mean that God prefers a profligate or a swindler to an honest man who observes the law, but that he prefers the humility of the repentant sinner to the pride of the arrogant just man. "For every one who exalts himself—by his self-assurance and smugness—will be humbled, but he who humbles himself—by the realization of his own misery—will be exalted" (ibid). In reality, the Pharisee's pride and lack of love gave him, no less than the tax collector, every reason for humbling himself.

The second reading (2 Tim 4:6-8) also offers us a thought that sheds light on this teaching. At the end of his life, St. Paul drew up a kind of balance-sheet: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (ib. 7). Thus he recognized the good he had accomplished, but with a far different spirit than the Pharisee's. Instead of putting himself above others, he declared that the Lord would give "the crown of righteousness. . . not only to him, but to all who have loved his appearing" (ib. 8). Instead of boasting of good accomplished, he declared that God had sustained him and given him strength; instead of counting upon his own merits, he trusted in God to be saved, and praised him for it: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom.

To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen" (ib. 18).



November Masses



The Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all

other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

November Mass Offering Envelopes are available in both churches. Please write clearly on the envelopes and place on the collection plates. The Bishops of NSW, in accordance with Canon 952 §1, have decreed that...it is acceptable, in the case of November and Legacy Masses, to assume that \$20 is the offering for each of those Masses.

Please note: The names in November Mass Offerings will not be published in the parish bulletin. They will be written on a list to be placed on the church noticeboards.

All Saints' Day



All Saints' Day, the 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints. During Mass and afterwards the substantial collection of relics of the saints will be exposed for public veneration on the altar of St Anne in St Anne's Church.

FAURE'S REQUIEM IN MEMORIAM

THE ARTES CHRISTI CHORUS AND
CHAMBER CHOIR

Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Lewisham

7:30 PM 1st November 2025

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Monday 27 October

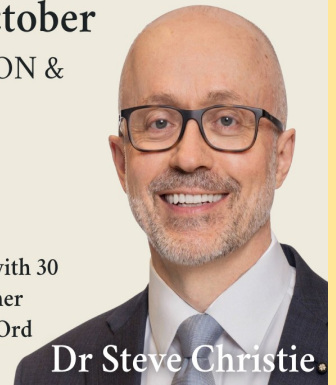
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7:30 PM | DINNER

8:30 PM | TALK

Principal, finance expert with 30
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Dr Steve Christie.

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HARBOUR SAIL

2-5PM

SATURDAY
22 NOV

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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 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood

by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



Adoration of the Trinity, Albrecht Dürer, 1511.