



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 Pat's

7:15am

Thursday- St Pat'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

CONFSSION TIMES

Monday - St Anne's

6:30 - 7:30pm

Thursday- St Patrick's

7:30 - 8:30pm

Sunday: half an hour before each Mass

The Baptism of Christ (Verrocchio and Leonardo) 1475



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: 10.00 - 3.00 pm

Fri: 10:00am - 4.00pm

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The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

Thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

Recently Deceased

Ron Gibson, Alina Dioli Villavicencio, Nicola MacGregor, William Clements, Anne Boylan

Anniversaries

Cesar Bringas Pizarro, Beani & El Bety family, Jose Luis Herrera, Beatrice Riley, Leo Riley, Helen Colette, Fe Biason, Nemesio Biason, John Ivan Radic, Oldy Alvarez, Raymi Fernandez

Prayers for the Sick

Ben Hall, Sr Mary Bohan, Ricardo Perez, Nicola MacGregor, Fr Pat Keenan, Lolita Herrera

Special Intentions

Da Costa-Allen Family, Sadek Family

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sun 11 Jan:	8:00am Pro Populo
	10:00am Raymi Fernandez
	5.00pm Special Intention
Tues 13 Jan:	Holy Souls
Wed 14 Jan:	Maragarita Perez
Thurs 15 Jan:	Beani and El Bety Family
Fri 16 Jan:	Holy Souls
Sat 17 Jan:	Holy Souls
Sun 18 Jan:	8:00am Pro Populo
	10:00am Oldy Alvarez
	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
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Reflection on the Baptism of the Lord by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

Sunday after Epiphany Ascribe to the Lord, you sons of God; ascribe to the Lord, glory and strength. (Ps 29:1-2)

Today's feast day also is an "epiphany," a manifestation of the divinity of Jesus, made particularly solemn because of the direct intervention of heaven. Isaiah's prophecy of the "servant of God," the figure of the Messiah, is its prelude. The prophet presents it in the name of the Lord: "Behold my servant . . . my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I have put my spirit upon him" (Is 42:1) These are Christ's great characteristics: he is the "servant of God par excellence, wholly dedicated to his glory and to his service, and his first words as he came into the world were —"Lo I have come to do your will, O God" (Heb 10:7); he is filled with the Holy Spirit, under whose influence his saving mission develops, and in him God is well pleased. Isaiah's prophetic description is historically and completely realized in the gospel account of the baptism of Jesus. At that time "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily shape as a dove. A voice came from heaven: 'You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased'" (Lk 3:21-22). It is no longer the prophet who speaks in the name of God, but God himself in a most solemn manner. The whole Trinity intervenes in the great epiphany on the banks of the Jordan: the Father makes his voice heard, bearing witness to his Son, the Son is manifested in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit descends visibly upon him. The truth already announced by Isaiah in a veiled manner now shines forth in all its messianic meaning. The expression "my servant" is replaced by "my beloved Son," which indicates the divine nature of Christ more directly; the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus possesses fully, precisely because he is the Son of God, appears above him in visible form; also God speaks personally and publicly—all the people present hear his voice (ib. 21). Jesus' baptism is like the official investiture of his mission as Savior; the Father and the Holy Spirit vouch for his identity as the Son of God and present him to the world so that the world may receive his message. Thus salvation history is worked out in Christ through the intervention of the entire Trinity. The Liturgy most opportunely invites us today to glorify God who has revealed himself to us with such liberality:

"Render to the Lord, O children of God, render to the Lord the glory that befits his name; adore the Lord with holy splendor" (Resp. Ps).



St. Anthony the Abbot

St. Anthony (251–356) was an Egyptian hermit whose life defined the foundation of Christian monasticism. Born to wealthy parents, his life changed at age 18 when he heard the Gospel command: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor." He immediately gave away his inheritance and retreated into the Egyptian desert.

Anthony spent decades in total solitude, practicing a rigorous lifestyle of manual labor, prayer, and fasting (often eating only bread and salt after sundown). He taught that the purpose of asceticism was not to harm the body, but to bring it into subjection and restore man's original, God-given harmony.

His life was marked by intense spiritual warfare. He famously endured "diabolical attacks," which he overcame through steadfast faith. He taught that the enemy fears humility, voluntary poverty, and the sign of the Cross. On perseverance he urged his followers to "daily begin anew," living each day as if it were their last to keep the soul unfettered by worldly desires.

During a moment of deep suffering, he asked God where He had been. The Lord replied, "I was present all the time, Anthony; but I waited in order to see your heroic struggle."

Anthony died at the age of 105. His biography, written by his friend St. Athanasius, became the "classic handbook" of the spiritual life, influencing generations of saints. He remains the model of a "perfectly purified soul," one established in inner peace, reason, and an unwavering love for Christ.

St Antony Pray for us.



Feast and Memorial Days



13 Jan St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor
17 Jan St Antony, Abbot,

"The illusions of this world soon vanish, especially if a man arms himself with the Sign of the Cross," and "I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world... Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Humility'".

Sapientia

Single adults, 18-35 years of age, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for this weekend retreat of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

13-15 February 2026

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre
Douglas Park

For more information or to register:
www.trybooking.com/DHJBL
or email the Sisters at
sydney@op-tn.org.



Father Robbie's absence

Father Robbie, will be in Mexico performing the wedding of our parishioners Jamie and Ana in January and then be on leave for the next few weeks.

We warmly welcome back Father Ninian Doohan from Edinburgh who is once again coming to look after the parish and enjoy a bit of Sydney weather. Please make him feel at home.

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 Matthew 3:16-17**

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7****A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R. v.11****(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading**Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation**Mark 9:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 3:13-17****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Communion Antiphon**John 1:32,34**

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.