



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

No Mass & Adoration

Friday - St Anne's

No Mass

Saturday - St Anne's

No Mass

Sunday:

St Anne's - 8.00am & 5.00pm
St Patrick's - 10.00am



COME
AFTER ME

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

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.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased

Steven Coleman, Des Tracy, Ron Gibson, Alina Dioli Villavicencio, Nicola MacGregor, William Clements, Anne Boylan

Anniversaries

Ramiro Fonseca Useda, Oldy Alvarez, James Coleman, Daphne Bird, Val Ruff, Eve Salter, Beaini & El Bety Family, Cesar Bringas Pizarro, Jose Luis Herrera, Beatrice Riley, Leo Riley, Helen Colette

Prayers for the Sick

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

Special Intentions

Da Costa-Allen Family, Sadek Family

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sun 25 Jan:	8:00am Pro Populo 10:00am Holy Souls 5.00pm Special Intention
Tues 27 Jan:	Holy Souls
Wed 28 Jan:	Holy Souls
Thurs 29 Jan:	Holy Souls
Fri 30 Jan:	Holy Souls
Sat 31 Jan:	Holy Souls
Sun 1 Feb:	8:00am James Coleman 10:00am Pro Populo 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 the 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time by Father Gabriel of St Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The Lord is my light and my salvation (Ps 27:1)

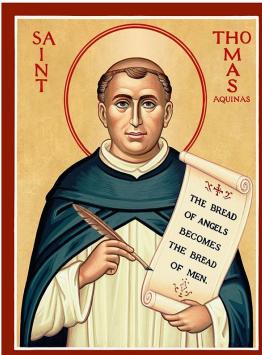
Matthew who is always careful to compare the facts of the life of Jesus with what the prophets had foretold of the Messiah begins his account of Jesus' apostolic labors by referring to the prophecy of Isaiah about "the land of Zebulun and Naphtali" where the Master was then living: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light . . . For those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned" (Mt 4:16) Matthew has seen this prophecy become a reality before his own eyes.

The light that illuminates Galilee and spreads from there throughout the world is Christ; Matthew has recognized him followed him and listened to him, and wants to transmit the good news to the whole world. "Jesus began to preach, saying: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'" (ib. 17). The message is urgent; it is urgent to spread it abroad because the kingdom that Christ has come to establish is offered to all men and is close at hand. The preaching of Jesus, which is completely directed toward conversion and salvation, witnesses to this, as likewise do the miracles that he performs "healing every disease and every infirmity" (ib. 23), for physical cures are a "sign" of that deeper healing he desires to work in souls.

It is also attested to by the choice and calling of the first disciples whom Jesus wished to be coworkers in his ministry of salvation. Matthew points out four of them: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Two of these had already met the Master when the Baptist pointed him out on the banks of the Jordan, and they had immediately gone with him. Now Jesus himself invites them as they are fishing on the lake each with his brother: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Immediately they left their nets and followed him" (ib. 19-20). God does not call us only once in our lifetime; his calls to us are repeated and become ever more pressing and compelling. Now, it is not only a matter of following Jesus, but of becoming "fishers of men" by following him.

Their response is as immediate as it was the first time, but enriched now by the generous abandonment of their nets, their boat and, for James and John, even of their father, whom they leave behind on the lake. This is how God's calls should be received, no matter what the way in which they are revealed: both important calls and likewise the most humble ones which come to us through the concrete circumstances of daily life, or in the form of an interior impulse to greater generosity, self-denial and sacrifice.





ST THOMAS AQUINAS

The universe has nothing greater than the human soul

“Because we cannot know what God is, but rather what he is not, we have no means for considering how God is, but rather how he is not”, Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote. Thomas was born in 1225 in Roccasecca, in the province of Frosinone, to one of the most prominent families in Italy. Because he was

the youngest child, he was destined for an ecclesiastical career. At the age of five, he entered Montecassino as a “*puer oblatus*”, and at fifteen, he studied Aristotelian philosophy, grammar, natural sciences, Arabic science and Greek philosophy at the University of Naples.

When he was 19 years old, he joined the Dominican Order. His decision was met with strong opposition from his family, who had him kidnapped on the road to Paris. However, he continued to pursue his studies in theology at the Dominican convent of St. Jacques in Paris, and in philosophy at the Faculty of Arts from 1245 to 1248. Towards the end of that year, he followed his teacher, Saint Albert the Great, to Cologne, where he attended lectures as assistant in the *Studium* founded by Albert.

When he was a biblical bachelor, he wrote his first treatise, *Expositio super Isaiam ad litteram*. At the request of the Master General of the Order, Albert the Great appointed Brother Thomas, who was then 27 years old, as Bachelor of the Sentences in Paris, where he commented on the standard textbook on theology for the Middle Ages, the four books of Peter Lombard's *The Sentences*.

Known as the “Dumb ox” due to his taciturn and gentle nature, after Thomas' public defense of an argument with sharp and brilliant reasoning, Albert the Great told his students that “the bellowing of this ox will resound throughout the world”. Like his master, he was a supporter of the revival of ancient works, particularly those of Aristotle.

In 1257, Thomas obtained his Doctoral Degree and directed one of the two schools of the College of Saint Jacques. From then on, his fame spread throughout Europe.

After teaching for three years, he returned to Italy and served as General Preacher at the Papal Curia from 1259 to 1268, promoting studies both within his Order and in the *Studium Urbis*, in light of the new texts and translations from Greek and Arabic. He completed his *Summa contra Gentiles*, started working on *Summa Theologiae*, wrote *Quaestiones disputatae de potentia Dei* and commented on some of Aristotle's most important works (*Metaphysics*, *Physics*, *On the Heavens*, *Nicomachean Ethics*), and other writings.

He dedicated the last nine years of his life to completing his great work, the *Summa Theologiae*. He died on 7 March 1274, at the age of 49, in the Abbey of Fossanova while he was on his way to the Council of Lyon, where he had been sent as an expert by Pope Gregory X. His body was later translated to the Dominican church of the Jacobins in Toulouse in 1369.

Feast and Memorial Days



- 26 January Sts Timothy and Titus
- 27 January St Angela Merici, Virgin
- 28 January St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor
- 31 January St John Bosco, Priest

“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.” ... Thomas Aquinas



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 Psalm 95:1,6**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading**Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3****A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1****(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading**1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17****A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I

mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation**Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 4:12-23****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Communion Antiphon**Cf Psalm 33:6**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.