



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BONDI
CHURCHES:
ST. PATRICK'S BONDI &
ST. ANNE'S BONDI BEACH
COLLABORATING TOGETHER

1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

Sunday, 10th March 2019

Lent - By Fr Martin

You're out with your friends on a Friday night and suddenly you notice that one of them has switched from his favourite beer to... lemonade? Is it time for Lent already? Giving up something for Lent sometimes evokes head-scratching in non-Catholics, but what might seem like just another Catholic eccentricity can actually be a practice with deep spiritual significance.

Lent, the period of 40 days that precedes the celebration of Easter, has its origin in the early days of the Church. Converts seeking to become Christian, who at that time were mostly adults, spent several years in study and preparation. Under the threat of Roman persecution, becoming a Christian was serious business, so their process of preparation was intensive! Then they went through a final period of "purification and enlightenment" for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter. The rest of the Church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians. It became an opportunity for all Christians to recall and renew the commitment of their Baptism.

Today we know Lent as a season of conversion: we acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives and we focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God. Hence the three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might "give up" a bad habit such as smoking as a way of positively turning our life back towards what God wants for us.

So maybe your mom was on to something when she had you give up Oreos or your favourite TV show as a child. An experience of want, however temporary, can help us to appreciate the true abundance in our lives. And a small positive change can have a big impact that lasts beyond the 40 days of Lent.

Take the time now to think about what you might give up this year. Is it something you enjoy that you want to sacrifice for a while, like your daily latte? Or is it a bad habit you want to conquer, like running in late to meetings with co-workers? Or perhaps you want to turn your cell phone off for a few hours each day and not let it distract you from the loved ones you are with in real time? Find something that works for you, and whatever it is, may it help you to turn towards God in this holy season of Lent.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, who lived in this area for over 30,000 years. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome into our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Georgina Frances Lewis Boyle

May God Bless her and her parents.

GIVING

Dear Parishioners,

Please be aware that as of the 1st of July 2019 giving envelopes will no longer be available. We will be introducing a new system of collection plates in our parishes, which will be explained in more detail before we implement them.

We will still have our various special collections throughout the year, which are 100% tax deductible for donations greater than \$2.

Envelopes to the various Appeals will be made available at the back of the churches should you wish to donate.

Thank you all for your cooperation and continual contributions. God Bless.

Kind Regards

Marian Abi Khattar
Facilities and Accounts
Manager & PSSO

YOU ARE CALLED TO MISSION

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family!

Come to the Palms Info Session:
Thursday, March 21st @ 5:30pm
Aquinas Academy
141 Harrington Street
The Rocks, Sydney



Palms Australia
Global Volunteering

ST. PATRICK'S FEAST DAY

There will be a morning tea after the 10am Mass, next Sunday, 17th March, to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. Parishioners are asked to bring along a plate of food to share. All welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This Sunday we welcome the children from our Parish Community who are preparing to make their First Reconciliation.

The remaining dates for the Sacramental Program are as follows:

Classes:

Saturdays, March 16th, 23rd & 30th
from 1:45pm to 3pm @ St Patrick's Hall

Celebration of Sacrament:

Sunday, April 7th 11am @ St Patrick's Church

SAFEGUARDING

If you are a volunteer here in the Parish Family and you have not completed the Safeguarding Induction Training before 31st May 2019, unfortunately you will no longer be allowed to volunteer in our Parish.

Below are more training dates for Safeguarding Induction Training. If these dates do not suit your schedule the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is offering online training. To register for online training please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>. To register for one of the training sessions in our Parish, please put your full name, phone number and the date you wish to attend. Forms can be found at the back of the Church.

TRAINING SESSIONS IN OUR PARISH

12:00pm, Thursday 14th March at St Patrick's

11:30am, Wednesday 20th March at St Anne's

11:30am, Wednesday 24th April at St Patrick's

12:00pm, Thursday 2nd May at St Anne's

CODE OF CONDUCT

All volunteers need to read and sign a Code of Conduct. Code of Conduct forms can be found at the back of the Church, along with a pen, please read, sign and return your form as soon as possible to either Fr Martin Monaghan after mass, the Parish Office during office hours, or if you like you can place it in the mail box at St Patrick's, 2 Wellington Street Bondi. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this very important matter.

Note, in order to create a culture that recognises the value of children and vulnerable adults and their protection, we strongly encourage all parishioners to be willing to sign our Code of Conduct. If you would like to sign a Code of Conduct copies are available at the back of the Church.

Also we have now displayed our Code of Conduct at the back of the Church.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and God bless,

Marian Abi Khattar
Facilities and Accounts Manager & PSSO

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you.

Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (02) 9390 5812.

The full Archdiocesan Manual for safeguarding children in our parish communities is available on the Archdiocesan website at: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Lent - Project Compassion

Lent - our time for prayer, fasting and giving to the poor. Take home your Project Compassion box or envelopes.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Delmo Giovanni Governato,
Daire Allen and Garreth Cooney

ANNIVERSARY:

Daphne Bird and Patrick Conaty

SICK:

Margaret Baker

REMEMBRANCE:

Eugene Beame, Biddy Fernan, John Fernan,
Mona Kennedy, Moya Hutchings, Drew
Dowie, John & Daisy Sadler, Helen Colette,
Harold & Joan Sadler, Robert & Leonie
Sadler, Frank Sadler, James & Labibi
Roumanus, Asuncion and Marcela Vegas

PLEASE NOTE:

Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless the Parish Office is notified.

PARISH STAFF

Fr Martin Monaghan
Administrator

Marian Abi Khattar
*Facilities and Accounts Manager
&
Parish Safeguarding Support
Officer*

Frank Riotto
Administration Assistant

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
9:30am to 4:30pm
(closed from 12:30 to 1:30pm)

Thursday:
10:30am to 2:30pm

Saturday:
10am to 2pm

**WEEKEND MASS AND
DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE**

Saturday:
Adoration 4 to 4:45pm: St. Anne's
5pm Vigil Mass: St. Anne's

Sunday:
8am Mass: St. Anne's
10am Mass: St. Patrick's

**WEEKDAY MASS AND
DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE FOR
THIS COMING WEEK**

Monday, 11th March:
9am Communion Service:
St. Patrick's
1:30pm Rosary & Afternoon Tea:
St. Patrick's

Tuesday, 12th March:
5pm Mass: St. Patrick's

Wednesday, 13th March:
9am Mass: St. Patrick's

Thursday, 14th March:
9am Mass: St. Patrick's

Friday, 15th March:
9am Mass: St. Anne's

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Galilee Catholic Primary School
60B Blair Street
North Bondi NSW 2026

P: 9130 7082

W: www.galileebondi.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Anna Novak



TODAY'S LITURGY

First Reading
Dt 26:4-10
**A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy**
The confession of faith of the elect.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15
(R) Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trouble.

Second Reading
Rom 10:8-13
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans**
The confession of faith of the believers
in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!** No one lives on
bread alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God.
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

Gospel Lk 4:1-13
**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke**
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led
by the Spirit through the wilderness
where he was tempted.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Office

2 Wellington Street
Bondi NSW 2026

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9365 1195 or
9130 7225

E:
admin@bondicatholic.org.au

W:
www.bondicatholic.org.au

Church Addresses

St. Patrick's:
2 Wellington Street
Bondi NSW 2026

St. Anne's:
47 Mitchell Street
Bondi Beach NSW 2026

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
4 to 4:30pm: St. Anne's

Sunday:
9:30 to 9:45am: St. Patrick's

Baptism:

1st and 3rd weekends of the month
during parish Masses. Parents will
be required to attend a preparation
session which is held on the 4th
Saturday of the month at 11am at
St. Patrick's.

Marriage:

By appointment (at least six
months' notice required).

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