



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

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Sunday, 17th March 2019

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The first reading consists of three distinct though related parts. God promises Abram a multitude of descendants. Abram puts his faith in this promise. This is followed by directions for a covenantal ceremony. The last part is a brief account of the actual ceremony and a further promise of land. Abram's faith is credited as righteousness. In the ritual ceremony known as 'cutting the covenant', the covenant partners cross through the divided carcasses of the animals. This action, a dramatised curse, signifies that transgression of the covenant will result in the same fate as that suffered by the separated animals (cf. Jer 34:18-20). The harshness of the penalty signals the seriousness of this covenant-making.

The psalm response is a prayer of profound confidence in God, who is characterised as light, salvation and refuge. In a world where darkness was both a danger to one's safety and a symbol of evil forces, light was considered the force that dispels any kind of danger. Because it conquered cosmic darkness, light enjoyed mythological prominence as well. Salvation, or deliverance, is always granted out of the beneficence of another; one did not save oneself. God is the saviour. Finally, a refuge is a place of safety to which one in danger could flee for protection. The psalmist pleads for the presence of God. Every aspect of this psalm response proclaims trust in God.

Paul compares the fate of true believers with that of opponents of the Gospel. He admonishes his hearers to follow his own example and the example of those who imitate him in his commitment to Christian living. Most scholars maintain that the enemies of whom Paul speaks were gnostic Christians whose view of realised eschatology led them to believe that they had already passed into a spiritualised form of existence. They saw little value in embracing the cross of Christ, since they were already living resurrected lives. Unlike the enemies of the cross, true believers knew that they would have to embrace that cross, and then, with Christ's coming, they would be transformed into his glory.

The Gospel report includes the actual transfiguration of Jesus and the conversation between him and the two men from heaven. The symbolism in the account suggests that the significance of this event is less in its historicity than in its theological meaning. Both Moses and Elijah, the glorified men who represent the law and the prophets respectively, also had encounters with God on mountains. While he is in a glorified state, the men speak with Jesus of his imminent 'exodus'. Thus Jesus' death was not a tragic mistake, something that he was unable to avoid. Rather, it was known beforehand by those who represented the entire religious tradition of Israel. It will take the actual unfolding of the events of Jesus' death for the disciples to understand its meaning.

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:

Ryder King Nettelbeck & Georgia Jane Predebon

May God Bless them and their 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

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN 2019

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions. Keynote address by His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Date: Friday 22 to Sunday 24 March 2019 **Time:** (Friday 22) 5pm to (Sunday 24) 1pm **Where:** Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush **Cost:** \$99

Registration is Essential: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeI39KjJXVZ_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwjAIQ/viewform

Have some questions or simply want to enquire? Call us on (02) 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The First Reconciliation Program has now commenced.

The remaining dates for the Sacramental Program are as follows:

Classes:

Saturdays, 23rd & 30th March
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

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

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, 18th March:

9am Communion Service:
St. Patrick's
1:30pm Rosary & Afternoon Tea:
St. Patrick's

Tuesday, 19th March:

5pm Mass: St. Patrick's

Wednesday, 20th March:

9am Mass: St. Patrick's

Thursday, 21st March:

9am Mass: St. Patrick's

Friday, 22nd March:

9am Anointing of the Sick 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

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham,
his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R) The Lord is my light and my
salvation.

Second Reading

Phil 3:20 – 4:1

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians**

Christ will transfigure these bodies of
ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christ! From the shining cloud the

Father's voice is heard: this is my

beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and**

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke**

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face
was changed, and his clothing became
brilliant as lightning.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Office

2 Wellington Street
Bondi NSW 2026

P:
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9130 7225

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admin@bondicatholic.org.au

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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).