



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

4th Sunday of Lent, Year C

Sunday, 31st March 2019

**THE PRODIGAL SON: AN OVERLOOKED MESSAGE OF REPENTANCE**  
**BY TIFFANY BEAINI**

Have we ever wondered, why didn't the father from the Parable of the Prodigal son turn his son away? Put it this way, the forgiving father, whose character remains constant throughout the story is a picture of God. In telling the story, Jesus identifies Himself with God in His loving attitude to the lost. The younger son symbolises the lost and the elder brother represents the self-righteous.

The picture of God is shown by the father in the parable letting his son go his own way. We too have experienced or will experience the distance from God which will inevitably result in sin that makes us slaves of evil. We all possess this foolish ambition to be independent, which is at the root of the sinner persisting in the Prodigal's sin and our sin. Just like the son, we should learn that the most valuable things in life are the things you cannot buy or replace.

At the end of the day no matter how far the Prodigal son became distant to his father and brother he came back repenting and yet not expecting his father to open his arms for him with great love. He was not questioned or lectured when he returned by his father. Likewise, Our Father in Heaven loves us and has unconditional forgiveness for His children that come back to sit on the right hand of His Almighty grace. So, even if people may judge us, never fall for it because no one is without sin, but whoever turns to face the light of God they will be forgiven unconditionally. That is our Father's eternal love for us just like the father in the parable.

***Prayer:***

Lord, help me, this Lent, not to focus solely on my transgressions but to keep my heart fixed on Your love and mercy. Don't let me be side-tracked by false image of myself, but allow me to hear Your invitation to grow in your image, to reflect Your love.

*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.*

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the 48 children of our Parish who will make their First Reconciliation next Sunday, April 7th at 11am at St Patrick's Church.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Due to Fr Martin attending various Archdiocesan meetings this coming week there will be no morning Mass at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, 3rd April or at St. Anne's on Friday, 5th April.

## PALMS

If you are able to provide your own palms for Palm Sunday (13/14 April) that would be most useful as we are not able to source many for this year.

## END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight saving will end at 3am next Sunday, 7th April 2019 when clocks go back one hour.

## CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a Choir Practice held this Sunday, 31st March, in St. Patrick's Church in preparation for Holy Thursday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday, 11am to 11:30am. All welcome.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday:

**Mass of the Lord's Last Supper:**  
7pm @ St. Patrick's Bondi

*Free shuttle service from St. Anne's from 6:15pm and return service also available.*

### Good Friday:

#### Stations of the Cross:

10am @ St. Patrick's Bondi & St. Anne's Bondi Beach

#### Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

3pm @ St. Anne's Bondi Beach

*Free shuttle service from St. Patrick's from 2:15pm and return service also available.*

### Easter Saturday:

5pm @ St. Patrick's Bondi & St. Anne's Bondi Beach

### Easter Sunday:

8am @ St. Anne's Bondi Beach  
10am @ St. Patrick's Bondi

## 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 24th April at St Patrick's  
12:00pm, Thursday 2nd May at St Anne's

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**

### FIRST EUCHARIST 2019

Children in Year 3 and above, who have been Baptised in the Roman Catholic Rite and have made their First Reconciliation are eligible to enrol for First Eucharist 2019.

Enrolment forms for First Eucharist are now available at the entrances of the churches and will also be sent out through the local schools. Please complete the form together with the Baptism Certificate and return by:

- Email or in person to the Parish Office
  - Together with the program fee of \$35
- For those who wish to pay online, bank details are as follows:

Name: St Anne's Parish Bondi Beach  
BSB: 062784

Account Number: 3735001

*(please provide online receipt details when completing the form)*

**PLEASE NOTE: Enrolment is only confirmed when all the above has been received at the Parish Office. Enrolments close 4pm Friday, 3rd May 2019.**

**NO LATE ENROLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### THE DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### COMMITMENT CEREMONY:

Sunday, May 19th  
10am Mass - St Patrick's Church

#### CLASSES:

Saturday, May 25th  
1:45pm - 3pm St Patrick's Hall

Saturday, June 1st  
1:45pm - 3pm St Patrick's Hall

Saturday, June 15th  
1:45pm - 3pm St Patrick's Hall

#### CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT:

Sunday, June 23rd  
12pm St Patrick's Church

**For any enquires regarding the Sacramental Program please contact the Parish Office during office hours on 9365 1195.**

### 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

**DECEASED:** Bartolomeo di Paola, James 'Jim' Gannon and Claire Shaw

**ANNIVERSARY:** Angelo and Tina Merlino

**SICK:** Margaret Baker

**REMEMBRANCE:** Eugene Beame, Bidy 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

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

### Parish Office

2 Wellington Street  
Bondi NSW 2026

**P:**  
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

## 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, 1st April:

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

### Tuesday, 2nd April:

5pm Mass: St. Patrick's

### Wednesday, 3rd April:

No Mass

### Thursday, 4th April:

9am Mass: St. Patrick's

### Friday, 5th April:

No Mass

## 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).

## 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

**Jos 5:9-12**

**A reading from the book of Joshua**

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9**

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading

**2 Cor 5:17-21**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

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

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.