



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

**4th Sunday of Advent, Year B**  
**Sunday, 20th December 2020**

**PARISH CONTACT**  
**DETAILS**

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**St. Patrick's:**  
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Bondi NSW 2026

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Thursday:**  
10:30am to 2:30pm

**PARISH STAFF**

Fr. Thomas Alukka  
**Parish Administrator**

Marian Abi Khattar  
**Parish Manager**  
&  
**Parish Safeguarding  
Support Officer**

Frank Riotto  
**Administration Assistant**

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:**  
5pm Vigil Mass: St. Anne's

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

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday:**  
9am Mass: St. Patrick's

**Thursday:**  
9am Mass: St. Patrick's

**Friday:**  
9:15am Mass: St. Anne's

**SACRAMENTS**

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

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

**Baptism:**  
By Appointment

**Marriage:**  
By Appointment



**PARISH**  
**PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL**

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

**P:**  
9130 7082

**Principal:**  
Anna Novak

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and we recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and honour them for their sacrifice and stewardship.*

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve, 24th December:

5pm @ St Patrick's  
6pm @ St Anne's (**this Mass is now full**)  
7:30pm @ St Patrick's

#### Christmas Day, 25th December:

8am @ St Anne's  
9am @ St Anne's  
10am @ St Patrick's

#### Please note:

Mass times will be the usual schedule on Saturday, 26th December (5pm @ St Anne's) & Sunday, 27th December (8am @ St Anne's & 10am @ St Patrick's)

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and limitations on numbers, there will be a booking system for the Christmas Masses (from the following weekend, 26th/27th December, we will go back to the normal system of 'first come, first served' for Mass attendance)

To register to attend please email the Parish Office at:

admin@bondicatholic.org.au  
or call 9365 1195. **Please note: the final deadline for registration is 12pm on Tuesday, 22 December.**

***Registration at the Christmas Masses is only confirmed once you have received an email or phone call from the Parish Office.***

We will require Covid Safety Monitors for each of the Christmas Masses. If you would like to volunteer for this role please contact the Parish Office with your details.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Marge Johnstone & Jim Shea  
**Anniversary:** Mary Moore, Helen Colette, Carmel Kerr and Barbara Wagiel

**Sick:** John MacNally, Arthur Rodgers, Janet Boyd, Craig Williamson, Aldaberto Omar Giordano, Allana Vedder (Roser) and Rita Cole

**Remembrance:** Zorka Perkovic, Christian Bauto, Ray Wilton, Edith Smith, Sydney Smith, Julie Anne Smith, Irene Bechara, 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 & Marcela Vegas

### FROM FIONA PELOSI

G'day parishioners, I'm Fiona Pelosi, and last year I helped out at St Patrick's 10 am mass. This year I volunteered for the organisation NET Ministries in Hamilton New Zealand. NET is a peer to peer Catholic youth ministry which encourages young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church, and we work and live in teams for 10 months to live out this mission.

This year we ran 55 retreats and over 200 events, such as youth groups and sacramental programs, for over 3,000 students. We met so many wonderful young people and witnessed so many times the beautiful ways in which Jesus can work in their and our lives. At our events, we offer the students the opportunity to pray, and I've encountered so many students overwhelmed by the truth that God loves them and is there for them. Evangelisation is an important part of the Church and can transform so many people's lives, including mine. If you are interested in supporting this mission, please donate by going to <http://netministries.com.au/sponsorship> (please put my name in the reference section) or place a donation in the bucket at the end of Mass.

Thank you for the support and know that you are in my prayers.

God bless.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no 9am Mass at St. Patrick's on the following days: Wednesday, 30th December and Thursday, 31st December.

### New Year's Day Masses (Friday, 1st January 2021)

9am @ St. Patrick's & 9:15am @ St. Anne's

### COVID-19 UPDATE

In order to abide by Government Regulations and to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus the following will be in effect until further notice:

- Holy Communion will be distributed only under the species of bread (no Chalice) and only into the hand (not onto the tongue)
- Spatial distancing of 1.5 meters and hygiene measures, such as sanitising hands when entering the church must be taken
- The Sign of Peace should be exchanged with a bow, smile, wave or nod, not by shaking hands
- The bulletins are for single use only, please do not return them to the pile on the table and please do not leave them in the church
- Collection plates will not be passed around. They will be left in a single spot for people to donate cash. Parishioners can also donate by using the Tap and Go facilities in the churches or do an EFT donation. To make an EFT donation please contact the Parish Office and we will provide you with the bank account details (*donations towards the collections are not tax deductible*)
- There should be no mingling before, during or after Mass
- There will be no booking system for Mass attendance. People will be admitted into the church on a 'first come, first served' basis. Names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time must be recorded. These details will be retained for at least four weeks and will then be destroyed unless a formal request is received beforehand from the Chief Health Officer.
- Only sit in the spots marked with the "sit here" stickers (members of the same household may sit together)

**Please note that the NSW Government has strongly recommended that people wear face masks when attending church. The Archbishop of Sydney has also clarified that the present position of the Archdiocese is that - in addition to all requirements around social distancing and hygiene - parishioners are exhorted to wear masks at Mass.**

**During these uncertain times, Clergy and faithful are encouraged to download the CovidSafe App.**

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from the **23rd of December 2020 until the 5th of January 2021**. If there are any **urgent matters** during this period please call the office phone number, leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. All non urgent calls (and emails) will be responded to after the 5th of January 2021. Also during this period, the Parish Bulletin will not be published.

### FINDING FAVOUR WITH GOD BY HELEN BEAINI

As we come to the final Sunday of Advent, we hear the Gospel of the Annunciation of Mary and the Incarnation of Christ. This passage is so in-depth and there is a lot we can reflect on but today we are going to reflect on Mary's 'yes' to God. Mary was obedient to the will of God. As we enter into the final week of Advent, we are called to make room for Christ in our lives. This means that we need to surrender ourselves to the will of God and be able to imitate Mary's 'yes' since as the Gospel says for with God nothing will be impossible. Through Mary's 'yes' Christ came into the world for our salvation. God has a plan for each and every one of us so take some time today and through Our Lady's intercession, pray to God "let it be to me according to your word."

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Wishing you, all members of our Parish family a **Merry Christmas** and a Blessed New Year.



**From Fr Thomas, Marian & Frank**

## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Is 45:8**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### First Reading

**2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16**

**A reading from the second book of Samuel**

*The kingdom of David will be established for ever  
in the sight of the Lord.*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2**

**(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim  
your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for  
ever, that your truth is firmly established  
as the heavens. (R.)
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen  
one; I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all  
ages.' (R.)

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me.'  
I will keep my love for him always;  
for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

### Second Reading

**Rom 16:25-27**

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

*The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Lk 1:38**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**Lk 1:26-38**

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

*You will conceive and bear a son.*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

### Communion Antiphon

**Is 7:14**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.