

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: As we journey in this time of reflection, prayer, and fasting, let us present our needs to our God that the Spirit will guide and strengthen us through this period.

Reader: For our Church.

All: May it be strengthened and rejuvenated by your Holy Spirit to continue to announce the compassion of God for the world.

Reader: For the leaders of all nations.

All: That your Holy Spirit will continue to guide them in your service to uphold human rights, protect the vulnerable and care for our environment.

Reader: For those in the Rite of Christian Initiation Program.

All: That in this Rite of Election they may be enlightened by your love as the Church embraces them and welcomes them into this faith community.

Reader: For the Plenary Council.

All: We pray for a fruitful outcome of the council in 2020.

Reader: God of love and life, You are good, all good and highest good.

All: Call generous young women and men to follow the example of Francis and Clare.

Reader: Lord God, creator of the world with all its seasons.

All: We ask that you would hear our urgent prayer for all those Australians suffering from natural disasters of any kind.

Reader: For those who have died.

All: May they enter into the eternal kingdom of God.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Compassionate God, this season of Lent is a means by which we grow closer to you. As we enter into this time hear our prayers which we present in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Weekly During Lent

St Joseph Edgecliff
Thursdays at 5pm
Starting 14 March



St Francis of Assisi Paddington
Fridays at 9.30am with St Francis Primary School
Starting 15 March

The Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion in honour of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Known also as the Way of the Cross, Via Crucis, and Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross had its origins with the Franciscans in the Holy Land. The Stations of the Cross is a contemplative mini-pilgrimage through the events that covered the final hours of Jesus' life on earth.

The point of this devotion is not to lead us to dwell on the physical suffering of Jesus, but rather to encourage us to enter into the love and openness of Jesus' life, to which his suffering and death give witness.

Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.



Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington, St Joseph Edgecliff and the 8:45am Mass at Double Bay
In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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Sunday 10 March 2019 : 1st Sunday of Lent Year C

PROJECT COMPASSION 2019: GIVE LENT 100%

This weekend you are invited to take home a Project Compassion box and/or set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed 'Give Lent 100%. This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.'

As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and it's name is hope."

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSIONALS AND OFFICE UPGRADE

Work will soon commence on a new confessional at Paddington and an upgrade to the confessional at Edgecliff. In addition, the Parish Office and Meeting Room will receive a facelift. The purpose is to bring our community in line with Diocesan Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. In the meantime the sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated on request in the main body of the church.

PARISH WEBSITE

We are currently in the process of developing a new website for our community. If you would like to help us with this project please contact Ruth at the Parish Office on 9331 4043. Experience with WordPress will be especially helpful but is not required.

CHOIR WEBSITE

Did you know that the Paddington Choir has a dedicated website and twitter feed? www.stfrancischoir.com / @sfchoirpaddo

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2019

First Reconciliations will be celebrated at St Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, 27th March at 6:00pm. If you would like your child to celebrate their First Reconciliation this year but missed the mandatory Information Night please contact Ruth at the Parish Office on 9331 4043 to organise a time to meet in the coming week.

SUNDAY 10AM MASS, PADDINGTON

Can you help? We need volunteers to assist with the 10am Mass as Readers and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you would like to join the 10am Mass team please contact Marie on 0412 418 915 or at mariefreyne@hotmail.com.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Join our Children's Liturgy team! Children's Liturgy operates at St Francis, Paddington during the 8:30am mass (school terms only) and helps the Children of our Parish engage with the scripture in a fun and meaningful way. Members of the team lead a session once or twice a term, materials are provided. If you are able to help us continue this important work please call Ruth at the Parish Office on 9331 4043 or at administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com.

UPCOMING DEVOTIONS, GROUPS AND MEETINGS

St Francis' Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: 5:00pm every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass.

St Joseph's Rosary Group: 7.30am and 5.00pm weekdays.

St Joseph's First Thursday Adoration: Next: 4 April at 5pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm in the church at Edgecliff.

Lectio Divina: A meditative reading of the Scripture. 7pm Wednesdays in the Parish Hall at Edgecliff.

Christian Meditation: Saturday 10:30am Saturday at the St Francis Parish Meeting Room.

OTHER NOTICES

2019 BISHOP MANNING LECTURE SERIES

Thursday 21st March, 6.00pm—8.30pm
Grand Ballroom, Kirrilli Club in Lavender Bay. Cost: Free
The next instalment in the Bishop Manning Lecture series is finally here. Join us on Thursday 21 March at 6pm to hear from priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy on *The Catholic Community in the 21st Century: Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us?* For more information please contact enquiry@ccer.catholic.org.au or (02) 9390 5255

ST VINCENTS HOSPITAL, DARLINGHURST NEEDS YOUR HELP

St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst is seeing Volunteers to be Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you are interested and able to give a few hours during the week or weekend or would like further information please contact Christine Harvey, Volunteers Co-ordinator on 8382 9559 or email christine.harvey@svha.org.au. A reference from your Parish Priest is essential. Training and induction will be provided.

TOWN HALL HOUSING ASSEMBLY

Thursday 14th March, 6.30pm, Sydney Town Hall
The Archdiocese of Sydney is joining with our partners the Sydney Alliance, the Everybody's Home Campaign and Vinnies (NSW) and 2000 citizens to advocate for a fairer affordable housing system in Sydney. This will be the largest event for affordable housing that Sydney has ever seen and it would be great to have as many Catholic parishioners there as possible. If you would like to attend please register as a member of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: <https://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/housing>. If you would like more information please contact the Justice and Peace Office on 02 93078465 or jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org.

LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER: WITH PETER KEARNEY'

Sunday 17th March, 3.00pm, St. Canice Church. Entry by donation. Wine and cheese after concert. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter and singer/guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. "Ashes to Easter creates a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere ... a worthwhile part of the Lenten journey". Please contact Lynelle to register on 9358 5229 or lynelle@stcanice.com.au

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

First Collection After the Creed. For the upkeep of the friars.

Second Collection After the Prayers of the Faithful. For the upkeep and maintenance of the church and parish buildings.



WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass and take home one of our Welcome Packs to find out more about your new community.

Welcome Packs are available at the church entrance.

OUR PARISH

Paul Ghanem ofm - Parish Priest
Piotr Rzcudlo ofm & Francisco Basnayake ofm - Assistant Priests
Pax Scarf ofm, Phillip Miscamble ofm, David Leary ofm, Joseph Lu ofm - Friars in residence
Ruth Rawlinson - Parish Manager
Tanith Bryce & Dean Thill - Cantor & Organist, Edgecliff
Noel Debieu & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold - Safeguarding Support Officer
Nicole Harris - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School

WEEKLY SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Sunday: 7:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm
8:45am at Double Bay

Monday: 7:00am
Tuesday: 7:00am Communion Service
5:30pm

Wednesday: 5:30pm
Thursday: 5:30pm
Friday: 7:00am
Baptisms: First Sunday of the month at 12.00 noon

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am

Monday: 9:00am
Tuesday: 9:00am Communion Service
Wednesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am
Baptisms: Third Sunday of the month at 11.30am

2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

All Sacraments are prepared and celebrated at St Francis, Paddington

First Reconciliation - Wednesday, 27 March at 6:00pm

Confirmation - Saturday, 22 June at 5:30pm

First Holy Communion - Thursday, 5 September at 6:00pm

Details of all prerequisites and mandatory preparation evenings are available under the "Sacraments" menu on the parish website, www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com, in the sacristy at Edgecliff or through the parish office at Paddington (ph: 9331 4043).

We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.

Recently Deceased: Thos McArdle, Brian Muir, Geoff Deegan, Matthew Walker, Carmen Duncan, Faye & Brian Anderson, Toney Mark Fitzgerald, Vivian Zhou, Angela Mitchell, Roger Gilbert Trudeau, Joan Shelton, Tom Connelley, Betty Grant, Vernon Morris, Peter Meagher, Fr Jim Victory.

Mass Intentions: Bellanto Family, Magin Ballesteros, Michael Heffernan, Geoffrey Hughes, Orla Sheehy, Paul Quilligan, Katharina & Manfred Lemech, Iryneji Skira, Sean Killen, John Kelly, David Goodman, Terry O'Halloran, Carmen De Campos, Joyce, Bryan Digges, Maria Castillo, Suzie Slocumb, David Roderick, Sr Mary Hereward, Gaetano Carone, Ian Stewart, Rick & Penny Hing, Coneceição John, Carl Lahood, Francisco Correa, Frank & Lena Kaine, Herbert Graham, Jose Castelo, Luca Vitale, Mollie Windsor, Janice Hui, Teresa d'Souza, Dennis Kiernan, Lilian-Rose Kiernan, Bryan Muir, Louise Byrne, Margaret Austin, Marion Orr, Norma Austria Eustaguio, Kevin & Moya Priddis, John Newman, Elizabeth-Anne Kaine, Tino Ordenez, Charlie & Eddy Piper, O'Sullivan Family, O'Brien Family, Killen Family, Kelly Family, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Jack & Maureen Brett, Nan Kelly, Margaret, Cliff & Mary Gearin, Vinz Napoli, Cavazzini & Bagni Families, Holy Souls.



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Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them

we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

TEMPTATION UNDER THE GUISE OF GOOD

Lent is a time when we are invited to enter with Jesus into the desert. We go there to share both his conflict and his victory, to feel something of our own weakness and temptations, to increase our capacity to make good decisions (discernment).

The three temptations put to Jesus are subtle. Like all temptations to which good people are vulnerable, they come under the guise of good. Playing upon his status as Messiah and Son of God, the devil makes suggestions that are, in their own way, appropriate.

Jesus is hungry. Just this once let him use his miraculous powers for himself rather than for others. That will strengthen him for his mission.

What about a shortcut to world power? That would save a lot of trouble and suffering. Just a small price. Worship the devil not God.

Get your messianic career off to a flying start with a leap from the Temple. If you're the Messiah angels will see that you come to no harm and it will make a great impression.

Conscious of the true direction of his mission, Jesus dismisses each suggestion instantly. He cannot redeem the world by using the world's own techniques, manipulated by the devil. Son of God though he is, he will tread the ordinary path of human life, entering fully into the pain and evil of the world to transform it from within by the power of divine love. Only this way can he fulfil the Father's will to reclaim it for true humanity.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

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TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle: to give priority to material comfort, to have power over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes: are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second?

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deut 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High / and abides in the shade of the Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague approach where you dwell. / For you have commanded his angels, / to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands / lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On the lion and the viper you will tread / and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; / protect him for he knows my name. / When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' / I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**



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.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of