

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Peter exclaimed on the mountain, "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here". Confident of Christ's presence among us in this assembly, let us pray for his gifts of healing and transformation.

Reader: For our Church and our Community.

All: May we be faithful to our covenant of trust and peace in God.

Reader: For the leaders of all nations.

All: May they resist the temptation to serve themselves at the expense of others.

Reader: For our parish community at Paddington, Edgecliff and Double Bay.

All: May we be enriched during this time of Lent with deeds of caring, kindness and inner reflection. May our deeds reflect the faith we profess.

Reader: Lord God, you chose Mary to be the mother of your Son.

All: May the Virgin Mary intercede for those who are considering becoming a religious sister, nun, brother, priest or consecrated religious life.

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 arrive in the homeland of heaven and meet the transfigured Christ.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty and glorious God, hear the prayers we make before you. May your spirit of love and peace transfigure us and our world into the image of Jesus, the risen Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Weekly During Lent

St Joseph Edgecliff
Thursdays at 5pm
21 March



St Francis of Assisi Paddington
Fridays at 9.30am with St Francis Primary School
22 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.



My God and My All

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 17 March 2019 : 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

From Fr Paul ...

On this Second Sunday of Lent we read how God enters into a Covenant with Abraham. It is a Covenant that continues to this day and one which, I believe, we must be careful never to forget. This enduring Covenant is what makes us a people of hope.

With certain knowledge of this Covenant, and in light of the Royal Commission and the sentencing of Cardinal Pell, I hereby make a commitment to this community that I will do all in my pastoral, financial and leadership capacity to ensure that no child is ever abused in or through their involvement with this community. This has been the driving agenda for the upgrade of the confessionals and the parish office. It is also behind the appointment of the Safeguarding Officer, the procedures & protocol review and the statement you read in the bottom left hand corner of this bulletin. I look to a time when it is the Sacramental and Prophetic role of the Church that is propelling us forward. My door is open and I would welcome anyone wanting to discuss this further.

PARISH NOTICES

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed. 3rd April 2019. 7.30 - 9pm, PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Sharing the Journey - Across Borders" Speakers: FRANCES RUSH, CEO of the Asylum Seekers Centre in Sydney & BILAL FAZILI, a Muslim Outreach Worker who works with disenfranchised youth. Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

UPCOMING PARISH PHOTOGRAPHY

A photographer has been engaged to take pictures of our churches and our community. These photographs will form part of the new website and be an important record of our history. Note, photos featuring faces will only be featured on the site if written permission is granted. This is a fantastic opportunity to have photos taken of our many parish groups. If you lead a group or ministry and would like to take advantage contact Ruth at the Parish Office to discuss.

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.

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 can help please contact Ruth at the Parish Office.

CHOIR WEBSITE

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

LOST & FOUND

A pair of glasses has been found in the Parish Office at Paddington. If these are yours please contact us on 9331 4043.

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

THE MYSTICISM OF HUMILITY IN JESUS & ST FRANCIS

Holy Spirit Secular Franciscan Order Gathering Mass & Talk. Join us on Wednesday 27 March 2019, 7pm for Mass at the Star of the Sea Friary (45 Victoria St, Waverley) followed by a talk by Robert Tilley at 8pm at the Charles Borromeo Centre (45a Victoria St, Waverley). RSVP by Mon 25 Mar at 0435 013 733 or timothyofs@gmail.com

DIALOGUE - YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Calling all young adults. Monthly Q&A Monday March 18th with Bishop Umbers and Fr John Hayes. Come along and ask questions on faith or just share a meal or drink with other young adults at The Cook House Randwick. Dinner from 6pm Happy hour 4 to 7pm. Q&A commences 7.15 sharp. E: easterndeaneysydney@gmail.com.

2019 BISHOP MANNING LECTURE SERIES

Thursday 21st March, 6.00pm—8.30pm Grand Ballroom, Kirilli Club in Lavender Bay. Cost: Free. Join us on Thursday 21 March at 6pm to hear from the 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@cacer.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 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.

PALMS AUSTRALIA - GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING

Info session, Thursday March 21 @ 5:30pm. Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks. Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1-2 years. If you have teaching, medical, admin or trade skills you can help by sharing them with our global family. Come to the Palms info session to find out more.

WALK THE LENTEN JOURNEY ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should "not allow this season of grace to pass in vain." With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent

ST PATRICK'S BREADPLATE - 390-561AD

Christ be with me, Christ within me : Christ behind me, Christ before me.

Christ beside me, Christ to win me : Christ to comfort me and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me : Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.

Christ in hearts of all that love me.

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



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

First Holy Communion - Saturday, 22 June at 5:30pm

Confirmation - 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 via the Parish Office. 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: Janet Heath OSC, Paddy Ferguson, 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.

Mass Intentions: Montilla Family, John McCue, Clara Gallucci, Rosarita Rosario, Hector Destro, Mary Healey, 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 Slocomb, 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, Lillian-Rose Kiernan, Bryan Muir, Louise Byrne, Margaret Austin, Marion Orr, Norma Austria Eustaquio, Kevin & Moya Priddis, John Newman, Elizabeth-Anne Kaine, Tino Ordonez, Charlie & Eddy Piper, O'Sullivan Family, O'Brien Family, Killen Family, Kelly Family, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Jack & Maureen Brett, Nan Kelly, Holy Souls.



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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

17 MARCH 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH. In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight-made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis
God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.

Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

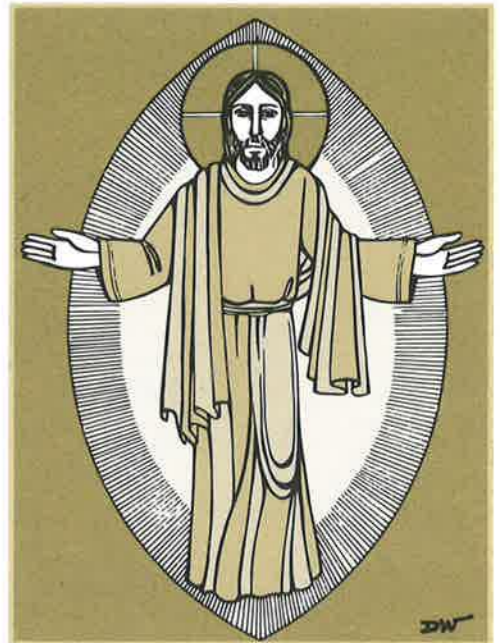
R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

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.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from



heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in

glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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 2ND 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

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 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

'THIS IS MY SON, LISTEN TO HIM!'

As Jesus sets out on the journey to Jerusalem, where he will suffer and die, the Transfiguration confirms the direction of his life and mission.

In Jewish thought of the time, the two prophetic figures, Moses and Elijah, were both expected to return in the messianic age. Hence Peter interprets the transfiguring of Jesus and the appearance alongside him of the two prophets, Moses and Elijah, as a sign that the time of messianic glory has arrived. His offer to make dwelling places for Jesus and the other two implies that all three are on the same level—an inadequate understanding sharply corrected when the voice (of God) from the cloud pronounces the true identity of Jesus: '... my Son, the Beloved', according him a status far outstripping that of Moses or Elijah.

The divine voice goes on to add: 'Listen to him'. Listen, that is, to what he has been saying about the direction his ministry will take. Precisely as God's Son he will go up to Jerusalem and accomplish the 'exodus' that is his Father's will for him. The allusion is clearly to Jesus' death. It is called 'exodus' because, although it will be a monstrous miscarriage of justice on the part of human authorities, it will also be a *divine liberation* comparable with, and indeed fulfilling, the Exodus from Egypt of old.

For the remainder of Lent, we are invited to accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. This will be our essential preparation for a deep experience of the paschal mystery in Holy Week.

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