

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: In Luke's Gospel we are called to repentance. With open minds and hearts we offer our needs to the God of all people and nations.

Reader: For our Church and our Community.

All: May we pursue with hope and determination the possibilities for forgiveness and reconciliation in every relationship and experience.

Reader: For the world.

All: We pray for peace that heals all wounds, for peace that guarantees safety, for peace that lives in all hearts and homes.

Reader: For those celebrating their First Reconciliation in our community this coming week.

All: May they always know the power and strength that comes from believing in a God who is merciful, forgiving and compassionate.

Reader: Lord of the Universe, you come to us daily in the Eucharist and the word.

All: Help our Franciscan Parish to witness humility and communal care, being open to inviting others to our way of life.

Reader: Lord God, creator of the world.

All: We ask that you would hear our prayer for all the people of New Zealand and may healing and hope return to the people of Christchurch.

Reader: For those who have died.

All: May their souls rest in peace and may they have eternal life.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Father you are kind and merciful. As we continue to seek a change of heart and mind, we ask you to hear the prayers we place before you in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

During the week we received a thoughtful letter addressed to the St Joseph Edgecliff Community. It read:

Dear Paul & Parishioners of St Joseph,
On the Feast of St Joseph, I pray you and your community an abundant blessing.

May the Peace & Love of Our Lord remain with you all.

Blessings always

Bishop Terry Brady
19 March 2019

As the foster father of Christ, St. Joseph is, in a very real sense, the foster father of all Christians. The "Intercession of St. Joseph" prayer is recited to ask St. Joseph to pray on your behalf to the Son of God, whom he protected and reared.

O Joseph, virgin-father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray every day for us to the same Jesus, the Son of God, that we, being defended by the power of his grace and striving dutifully in life, may be crowned by him at the hour of death.

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
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Sunday 24 March 2019 : 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

From Fr Francisco...

On the 19th of March, the Universal Church celebrated the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary. I came across this article from the Franciscan Media which I would like to share with you all:

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage. It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19). The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. God bless. - Fr Francisco

PARISH NOTICES

A NOTE OF THANKS

As a direct consequence of your generosity the St Joseph St Vincent De Paul Society has been able to make a donation \$3345 to the work of St Francis Welfare. This money will go towards working with marginalised and at risk youth and with refugees and asylum seekers. Thank you.

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. Note, photos featuring faces will only be used when written permission is granted. We will contact you in the coming weeks with more information. If you lead a group or ministry and would like photographs taken of your group please 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.

CHOIR WEBSITE

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

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WEEKLY DURING LENT

St Joseph Edgecliff
Thursdays at 5pm
28 March

St Francis of Assisi Paddington
Fridays at 9.30am with St Francis Primary School
29 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.

OTHER NOTICES

BACH AKADEMIE AUSTRALIA PRESENTS ASCENSION

Friday 29th March, 8pm at St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington. J.S Bach's soul-stirring Ascension Oratorio and two of his greatest Canatas. Visit www.bachakademieaustralia.com.au for more information, bookings at www.baa20191.floktu.com and box office: 0411 144 402

THE MYSTICISM OF HUMILITY IN JESUS & ST FRANCIS

Holy Spirit Secular Franciscan Order Gathering Mass & Talk. All are welcome. 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). Please RSVP by Mon 25 Mar at 0435 013 733 or timothyofs@gmail.com

ACT1V8 - A MONTHLY PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

All welcome to Praise and Worship, April 5th. Act1v8 - a Monthly Praise and Worship night is starting in the Eastern Suburbs. Live Music with adoration and fellowship over Barista coffee. While It is open to all, it is a great chance to bring young people together so please spread the word and join us at 7pm OLA Parish centre. 31 Donovan Ave. For more information FB and instagram @EasternDeanerySydney OR easterndeanearysydney@gmail.com



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 Debien & 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: Sr Margaret Armstrong, Rod Lappin, John Taylor, 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.

Mass Intentions: Aotearoa New Zealand, Margaret Kennedy, Margaret McCaffrey, Marie Toohey, Anette Angles, Patricia Upton, Carline Upjohn, Susan Griffith, Valerie McPhee, Mary Bray, Patricia Thomas, David Saw, 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, Coneição 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, 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.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

24 MARCH 2019

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Lk 13:1-9

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.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 I OR II 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from

on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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

REPENT WHILE THERE IS TIME

On his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks as a prophet, summoning people to conversion. He does this, in today's Gospel, by interpreting two well-known incidents and then telling a parable.

The first incident is an atrocity brought about by human cruelty. Orders from Pilate have brought about the massacre of a number of Galileans who were sacrificing in the Temple.

The second, again involving large-scale loss of life, is due to natural causes: the fall of a tower in Siloam, leading to the death of eighteen persons.

Concerning both incidents, Jesus wards off a false conclusion that religious people are all too prone to draw: namely that the victims of such calamities were receiving divine punishment for a sinfulness from which others were free.

He then tells the parable about the fig tree to make the further point that, far from attempting to judge the sinfulness of others, everyone should interpret such events as a warning to take stock of their own lives lest far greater disaster—eternal ruin—befall them. Without speculating in any way about punishment, he simply points out that instances of sudden, unforeseen death should serve as a warning to all that the time, the space left for conversion, may be short.

As always, the urgency—the prophetic passion—of Jesus stems from his intense sense of what God wants to do for people: God wants to set us free for life and for love. There is time for that now. But the opportunity will not be there indefinitely.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

UNLESS YOU REPENT. When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: 'They had it coming! God is punishing them!' In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, by your mercy. 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 Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. R.



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.

4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.