

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Through Christ we are constantly called back to God. With hope, then, let us offer our prayers in Jesus' name.

Reader: For all members of the Church.

All: May we be conscious of our baptismal call and be ministers of Christ's forgiveness.

Reader: For the world.

All: May the justice and peace of God spring forth through cooperation and trust among all nations and peoples.

Reader: For those preparing for Baptism.

All: May they be strengthened in faith and grow in wisdom.

Reader: God Ever-New, send your creative spirit upon leaders of the Church.

All: May renewal in the Church encourage young people to be leaders who live the Good News.

Reader: For those who feel lost and without direction.

All: May they be guided through the darkness into an understanding of your presence in their lives.

Reader: For those who have died.

All: May they come to come to know the power flowing from His Resurrection.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: God of compassion and love, listen to our prayers. May we be worthy of your limitless forgiveness and unconditional love by our forgiveness and love of one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HEAD AND NECK CANCER FOUNDATION

As a recent survivor of head and neck cancer, one of our parishioners, John Fordham, has led the charge in establishing the Head and Neck Cancer Foundation in association with a leading team of cancer specialists who cared for him during his treatment. The Foundation's chief goals are to stress the importance of early intervention and to fund research into head and neck cancer. As The Sunday Telegraph's wine critic, John has been the driving force behind the release of two wines, appropriately labelled Critic's Choice, which have been produced in partnership with Cellarmasters and McGuigan Wines. Sales of 2016 Critic's Choice Barossa Valley Shiraz and 2017 Critic's Choice Hunter Valley-Adelaide Hills Chardonnay anchor the Foundation's fund-raising campaign.

The wines are now available through cellarmasters.com.au at \$25 a bottle.

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
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Sunday 7 April 2019 : 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

From Fr Paul.. Let's make this the most well attended Holy Week since Pope Francis was boy. Please note, invite a friend and join in.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Palm Sunday 13/14 April : Vigil 5.30pm. Sunday 8.30 & 10am
Reconciliation 16 April : Tenebrae 7pm
Holy Thursday 18 April: Solemn Mass 7pm
Good Friday 19 April: Stations 9.30am, Solemn Liturgy 3pm
Easter 20/21 April: Vigil 7pm, Sunday 8.30 & 10am

ST JOSEPH

Palm Sunday 14 April : 7.30am, 8.45am (DB), 11am, 5.30pm
Reconciliation 17 April : Second Rite 6pm (after 5.30pm mass)
Holy Thursday 18 April: Sung Mass 6pm
Good Friday 19 April: Stations 11am, Solemn Liturgy 3pm
Easter 20/21 April: Vigil 6pm, Sun7am, 8.45am(DB), 11am, No 5.30pm

PARISH NOTICES

HOLY WEEK: READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMOHC)

We need Readers and EMOHC for our Holy Week services. If you are available to assist at St Francis please contact Marie Freyne at mariefreyne@hotmail.com or 0412 418 915. If you are available to assist at St Joseph place your name on the roster in the sacristy.

TRAINING: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in our Parish Community? We will be running training on Saturday 18th of May at 9am at St Francis, Paddington for those who would like to serve as an EMOHC. If you are interested in attending the training please contact Ruth at the Parish Office to register your attendance.

SUNDAY 8:30AM MASS, PADDINGTON

We are in need of Greeters, Lectors, EMOHC and also leaders for our Children's Liturgy program (Children's Liturgy is term time only). Please note, this does not need to be a weekly commitment - you can join the roster as per your personal availability. Training and resources are provided. If you can help with any of these roles or would like more information please call Ruth at the Parish Office to discuss.

SUNDAY 10AM MASS, PADDINGTON

Can you help? We need volunteers to assist with the 10am Mass as Readers and Extraordinary 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WEEKLY DURING LENT

St Joseph Edgecliff
Thursdays at 5pm
11 April

St Francis of Assisi Paddington
Fridays at 9.30am with St Francis Primary School
12 April

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.



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: 2 May 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

CALLING ALL SANCTA SOPHIA ALUMNI ANNUAL GALA DINNER & ALUMNI AWARDS

Date: Thursday 23 May 2019

Time: 6.00pm-9.30pm

Venue: The Great Hall, The University of Sydney

Join us as we celebrate Sancta and our enduring tradition of empowering humanity. Student performances Drinks, canapés and three-course dinner. Luxury raffle (items include holiday packages, wine collections and more).

Anyone interested in joining a parish table please contact Fr Paul in the parish office. Or contact Sancta directly on 9577 2100

TUNING INTO TEENS: EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

6-8pm Thursday nights, 2nd May to 6th June 2019 at Centre 360, 461-463 Oxford Street, Paddington. Tuning into teens is a free six-session parenting program for parents of children or adolescents aged 11-19. This program will assist you with the skills to be better at talking with and understanding your teen and will show you how to help your teen develop their emotional intelligence. For more information call Centre 360 on 9331 2691

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS 2019

LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral NSW - 18-21 April 2019. Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Contact info@ltnn.org.au or ring 0432 228 250.

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. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent

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 Smelders - 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 homeless and defence force personnel.

Recently Deceased: Chris Boyd, Jalil Tanous, Brian O'Neill, 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.

Mass Intentions: John & Lesley Beckhouse, Vince Lucantonio Vinz Napoli, Sheila Freckmann-Dillon, Domenico & Nita Casamento, Dominica O'Rielly, Suzanne Johnston, Barbara McKay, John Corisy, Brian McCann, 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 Slocumb, David Roderick, Sr Mary Hereward, Gaetano Carone, Ian Stewart, Rick & Penny Hing, Conecção John, Carl Lahood, Francisco Correa, Frank & Lena Kaine, Herbert Graham, Jose Castelo, Luca Vitale, Holy Souls.



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adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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: 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 Jn 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

WHO MAY CAST THE STONE?

It is so fitting that we should hear this moving Gospel as Lent is about to give way to the mysteries of Jesus' Passion.

It sets up a very basic question. Is sin something primarily to be punished? Or is it, on the contrary, a plight from which the sinner needs to be converted and set free?

The scribes and Pharisees are really just using the woman to set a trap for Jesus. If he refuses to see her punished, he is defying the Mosaic Law. If he judges that she be put to death, he will be usurping the prerogative of the Roman occupying power.

What Jesus wrote on the ground we do not know. But doing so put him right down there looking up at the woman from below, rather than judging her from on high. When eventually he speaks, it is simply to point out that the only person who could have a right to condemn another is one who has never sinned.

This way the punitive legal prescription simply falls away. If the eldest leaves first, that is because he has had a longer space of life in which to accumulate sin.

Jesus does not deny sin or condone it. But he has a better way of dealing with it than condemnation and punishment. His whole concern is to save the woman and set her on a path to a new life: 'Go and sin no more'.

As we move from Lent into Passiontide, the scene invites us to make the woman's experience of liberation our own.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

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STRAINING AHEAD. The Israelites in exile, St Paul the apostle and the woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God's forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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. P. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You open for your people the way from death into life: 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.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 Isa 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put

chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R.v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

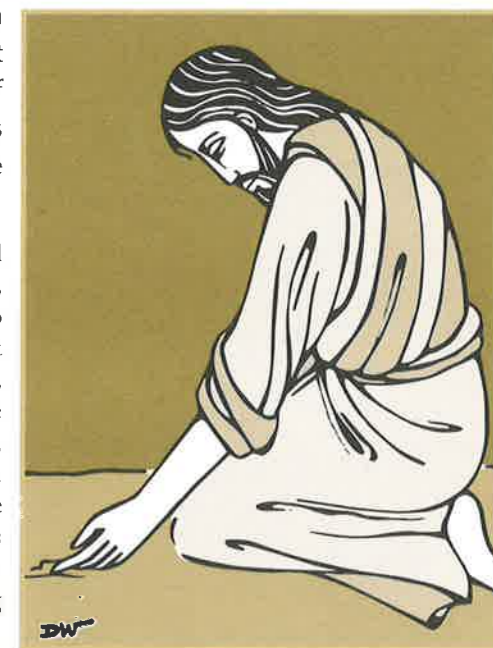
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing: / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his



resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Jn 8:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing