

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* We complete our Lenten journey and begin Holy Week with the conviction that Christ's suffering and death unite us in the hope of resurrection. In that hope we pray.

*Reader:* For the Church.

**All: As we celebrate the sacrifice of Christ may Jesus' passion resonate in our hearts and give us the strength to follow in his footsteps.**

*Reader:* For the world.

**All: May all the world receive from God true life and abiding peace.**

*Reader:* For our community.

**All: May we be open to the blessings Christ has won for us by his death and Resurrection.**

*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:* For those who are suffering.

**All: May they be granted the gift of inner peace and may Christians everywhere support those who suffer through our actions, our prayers, understanding and love.**

*Reader:* For those who have died in the peace of Christ.

**All: May they also share in the victory of his Resurrection.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: Loving God, keep us faithful even in times of suffering and bring us to Easter joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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 14 April 2019 : Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Year C

Holy Week begins from today. The first readings from today till Wednesday and on Good Friday, speaks to us about the Suffering Servant. In our world today, when we speak of suffering, it connotes a negative perception of pain, disappointment or failure. But the prophet Isaiah sees suffering through a different lens. With beautiful imagery, Isaiah announces the ultimate vindication for the Servant whose vicarious suffering will "justify many." And God greatly rewards the selfless Servant and turns his suffering into the ointment that heals the world. Hence, this imagery of the suffering servant is a reminder to us that, in order for goodness to happen in our world, our society, and our community of Paddington and Edgecliff, we must adopt the spirit of the Suffering Servant in our daily life. Our selflessness and sacrifices will enable everyone to encounter the Kingdom of God. God bless. - Fr Francisco

### PARISH NOTICES

#### NOVENA OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Our community is encouraged to pray the Novena of Divine Mercy (consisting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and nine prayers for souls, one for each day of the Novena). Commencing on Good Friday we encourage you, your family and friends to take a moment each day to pray this Novena together. Copies of the Chaplet & Novena will be available for collection at mass or through the Parish Office from this weekend.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BUNDLE HERBS

Volunteers are needed, this coming Holy Thursday afternoon 18 April, to help bundle the herbs at the Edgecliff parish centre for Good Friday's Celebration of the Passion. If you can help between 1:30pm and 3:30pm on Thursday please contact us at the Parish Office to let us know.

#### SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed. 1st May 2019. 7.30 - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Sharing the Journey - History in the Making, following the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse" Speakers: NOEL DEBIEN, a Religion Specialist with the ABC's Radio Religion & Ethics Unit & Dr JOHN CARMODY, President of the Catholic Historical Society. Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

#### TRAINING: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMoHC) in our Parish Community? We are running training on Saturday 18th of May at 9am at St Francis. If you would like to attend please contact Ruth at the Parish Office to register.

#### 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 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 EMoHC. If you would like to join the 10am Mass team please contact Marie: 0412 418 915 or at mariefreyn@hotmail.com

#### PETS IN THE PARISH

We want pics of the furry, feathery (and maybe scaly?) members of your families. If you would like your pet featured on our parish website please email a photo & small bio or story to administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com.

#### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

 We are now on twitter! Follow us @stfrancisjoseph and be kept up to date with mass times, community news & more!

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PALM SUNDAY

1] It celebrates Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. When Jesus entered into the holy city of Jerusalem, his followers placed palms in his path as a form of reverence. A huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches.

2] The priest wears red vestments to symbolise the start of Jesus' Passion. Parishioners receive palms at the start of the service. Many like to tie the palms to create crosses and display them in their homes as a reminder of the Holy Day.

3] Any remaining palms are burned and saved for the following year's Ash Wednesday service.

4] The Gospel is read in parts at Mass. The Priest reads the part of Jesus, and the lectors each take a character in the story. "The crowd" is spoken by the congregation.

5] It is a fulfillment of an Old Testament Prophecy, Zechariah 9:9.

### OTHER NOTICES

#### YOUTH EVENT - DIALOGUE

Monday April 15th - an 18+ event. Join us after work from 6pm for a meal, Happy hour, discussion and fellowship at the Cook House Randwick. Q&A starting at 7.15pm. Fr Brendan Purcell is a philosopher and author of many books from The Big Bang to Big Mystery to his latest "Where is God in Suffering?" Come and ask your questions or just meet new people. More info easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com

#### 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

#### UPCOMING DEVOTIONS, GROUPS AND MEETINGS

There are some changes to devotions during holy week. Please check below for full details.

**St Francis' Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:** No Novena on Holy Saturday, Apr 20. Resumes Apr 27.

**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:** No Lectio Divina on Wednesday, 17th April. Resumes 24th April.

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



**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 Hudson** - Principal, St Francis of Assisi 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:** John Bernard Baggott, 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.

**Mass Intentions:** Dawn Hughes, Carl Leberne, Manuel & Maria Ferreira, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Sean Killen, Tino Ordonez, Thomas Edmund Baker, 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 Hefferman, 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, Holy Souls.

### 2019 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

#### St Joseph, Edgecliff

Wednesday, 17th April: 6pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
Holy Thursday, 18th April: 6pm Sung Mass  
Good Friday, 19th April: 11am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, 20th April: 6pm Easter Vigil - Service of Light  
Easter Sunday, 21st April: 7.30am & 11.00am Mass  
8:45am Mass at Double Bay Chapel

**Please note: There is no 5:30pm mass on Easter Sunday**

#### St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Tuesday 16th April: 7pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation & Tenebrae  
Holy Thursday 18th April: 7pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Good Friday 19th April: 9:30am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Solemn Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 20th April: 7pm Easter Vigil - Service of Light  
Easter Sunday, 21st April: 8.30am Mass & 10am Mass

**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.**

**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

14 APRIL 2019

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD / C**

**C. Away with him! Give us Barabbas!**

**N.** This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

**C. Crucify him! Crucify him!**

**N.** And for the third time he spoke to them,

**O.** Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

**N.** But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

**J.** Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

**N.** Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

**J.** Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

**N.** Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

**C. He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.**

**N.** The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

**C. If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.**

**N.** Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

**O.** Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

**N.** But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

**O.** Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**N.** He replied,

**J.** Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

**N.** It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of

the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

**J.** Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

**N.** With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

**O.** This was a great and good man.

**N.** And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Luke 22:14-23:56

**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**

**P.** Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. 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 THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

*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 26:42

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P.** Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.

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.**

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**THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.** We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

**THE PROCESSION**

*The priest greets the people, blesses the palms and sprinkles them with holy water, The Gospel (Luke 19:28-40) is then read. Before the procession the priest may say these or similar words:*

**P.** Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 23:9-10

**Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

*The Gloria is omitted.*

**COLLECT**

**P.** Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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 50:4-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my



**GOSPEL**

Lk 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (**N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus **O.** Other single speaker **N.** The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

**C. We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.**

**N.** Pilate put to him this question,

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** He replied,

**J.** It is you who say it.

**N.** Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

**O.** I find no case against this man.

**N.** But they persisted,

**C. He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.**

**N.** When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

**O.** You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

**N.** But as one man they howled,

help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Phil 2:6-11

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

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Phil 2:8-9

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**