

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: God's Word fills our hearts at this Easter time. With confidence and joy, we turn to the Lord who is filled with Divine Mercy for what we need in the community and in the church.

Reader: For the Church and her leaders.

All: May she continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit, who is alive and well in our Church and world, helping us to grow to the fullness of faith.

Reader: For the leaders of the world.

All: May they be open to the Holy Spirit as it speaks to them of the need for justice, peace and harmony among all.

Reader: For our community.

All: May Christ be the cornerstone of our life and work together. Through our faith and prayer may we bring peace, healing and reconciliation to our world.

Reader: Lord of Compassion, you inspired St Francis of Assisi to be your instrument of peace.

All: Inspire young women and men to consider becoming sisters, nuns, brothers or priests.

Reader: For the sick and the suffering.

All: May we bring healing to their lives through our compassion and care.

Reader: For those who have died, especially those killed in the Sri Lankan massacre.

All: May they rise to Christ in Glory.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: God, the giver of life, fill us with your Spirit and grant us what we need to be faithful witnesses to the resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



First Holy Communion Saturday, 22nd June 2019

First Communion will be celebrated at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington on Saturday, 22nd June at 5:30pm. Details of prerequisites and enrolment forms are available on our parish website or by contacting the parish office.

Please note, that candidates and parents/guardians must attend the mandatory information evening on Thursday, 16th May at 5:30pm.

For more information please contact Ruth at the Parish Office. Please return enrolment forms by Friday 10th May 2019.



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 28 April 2019 : 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Year C

These words, found in a Sydney newspaper are worth reprinting on this Divine Mercy Sunday:

Pope Francis: Easter attacks 'such cruel violence'

Pope Francis denounced the "cruel violence" of the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka and is praying for all those who are suffering from the bloodshed. The Pope added an appeal at the end of his traditional Easter Sunday blessing to address the massacre which killed more than 130 people.

Speaking from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope said: "I want to express my loving closeness to the Christian community, targeted while they were gathered in prayer, and all the victims of such cruel violence."

He added: "I entrust to the Lord all those who were tragically killed and pray for the injured and all those who are suffering as a result of this dramatic event."

The Catholic Church in Jerusalem said the blasts were particularly sad as they "came while Christians celebrate Easter".

PARISH NOTICES

thank you, Thank You & THANK YOU

The words 'thank you' are not nearly enough to express my gratitude to the numerous parishioners who made Holy Week truly Holy. Peace, blessings and my deep gratitude to you all.

QUICHE & CHARDONNAY AT ST JOSEPH

Quiche & Chardonnay is returning to St Joseph on Sunday, 19th May after the 11am mass! Whether you are new to our community or a regular parishioner please come and join us for a nibble with our parish community and friars. All are welcome.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to everyone who supported Project Compassion in 2019. Please return your boxes and envelopes to the Parish Office or to the priest after mass.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We need leaders to join the roster for our Children's Liturgy program (term time only). Leaders run one or two sessions per term. If you can help please call Ruth at the Parish Office to discuss.

ST JOSEPH PARISH HALL

A reminder that the Australian Electoral Commission has secured the exclusive use of the Parish Hall from 29 April till 18 May (inclusive) as a polling booth for the federal election. No entry by parishioners will be allowed during this period including the kitchen area. While we will not have access to the hall this will not effect the normal operation of the Parish and the use of the church and bathrooms.

PETS IN THE PARISH

We want pics of the furry, feathery (and maybe scaley?) 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're now on twitter! Follow @stfrancisjoseph for latest parish news.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter each year.

It is founded on the devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus. Sr Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him.

The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II and on 30 April 2000, the canonisation of Sr Faustina Kowalska, the 2nd Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in the General Roman Calendar.

OTHER NOTICES

A DAY OF HEALING WITH SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC

Sat 25 May from 9:00am to 4:30pm (Commences with Mass at 9:00am) at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield. Sessions include What is Healing/Inner Healing, Prayer for Inner Healing, Healing of the Family Tree, The Healing Power of Forgiveness. Registration is essential. Please register at mscully@ccrns.org.au or 0410 248 069.

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

Are you interested in Bushwalking, Camping, Canyoning and Ski Trips? Apply for membership with the CBC via our website www.cbcsnw.org.au or contact Adriana on 0422 688 332.

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. For more information call Centre 360 on 9331 2691

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING A HELPFUL HAND TO SENIORS?

CatholicCare needs people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

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.



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

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

Confirmation - Thursday, 5 September at 6:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, contact the police. You can also contact the *Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office*: 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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

Recently Deceased: Matthew Bolton, Christine Andrew-Smith, Sr Raphael OP, Carol Warton, David Pryce, 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.

Mass Intentions: Phyllis Dorothy Gallimore, Del Rosario Family, Hector Destro, Salvatore Collura, Bryan Digges, Mary & John Bray, Tony McDonald, Sr Shirley Digges IBVM, Patricia Thomas, O'Connor Family, Byrne Family, Rosie Bone, Dawn Hughes, Carl Leberne, Manuel & Maria Ferreira, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Sean Killen, Tino Ordenez, 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, David Saw, Montilla Family, John McCue, Clara Gallucci, Rosarita Rosario, Hector Destro, Holy Souls.



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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) / C

28 APRIL 2019

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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 OF EASTER

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

cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts.

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, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

ENCOUNTERING OUR RISEN LORD

Thomas is one of the most clearly defined characters in the Gospels. Born loser, realist, pessimist, he has missed out on the Easter night appearance of Jesus. He won't believe that Jesus has been raised simply on the other disciples' claim 'We have seen the Lord'. He insists on seeing, touching, hearing for himself.

Eight days later, with divine 'courtesy', Jesus is prepared to meet Thomas' conditions exactly. But, at the sight of his risen Lord, Thomas abandons them. He, the late-comer, the obtuse one, goes on to make the most exalted act of faith contained in the gospel: 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, the hesitant, the doubter, who brings out the full identity of Jesus.

Jesus adds a comment that brings us into the picture too: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Thomas has believed because, like the other disciples present in the room, he has now seen the risen Lord. Succeeding generations of believers will not have the privilege of seeing the risen Lord. We have to believe simply the testimony handed down in the Church. We are not at a disadvantage. We are in fact 'blessed' — because from us a faith greater than that of Thomas will be drawn. And the greater the faith, the more scope for the power of God to enter and transform our lives. The gospel imparts to those who believe all the knowledge necessary for a life-giving encounter with the Lord.

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MY LORD AND MY GOD. St Thomas was a great apostle who is believed to have preached the Good News as far afield as India. Later, he was martyred for his faith. May the risen Christ come to us, as he came to Thomas, and strengthen our faith. May we in turn express our faith by being ambassadors of mercy and reconciliation.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pet 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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.

GLORIA

Gloria to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in

what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting, (or Alleluia!)

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' R.

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. R.

3. O Lord, grant us salvation / O Lord grant success. / Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. R.

SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the first letter of Apocalypse
I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure.



I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

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.

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'