

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Through our living faith in word and action, we are called to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us ask our heavenly Father to answer all our petitions which we make in his Son's name.

Reader: For the Church and her people.

All: May we be given greater courage to witness to the values of the gospel throughout the world.

Reader: For the world.

All: May we work together to protect and harvest justly the gifts of the earth.

Reader: For our community.

All: May we recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of life.

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 are persecuted for their faith and beliefs.

All: May their faith and the love of their brothers and sisters bring consolation and encouragement.

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 of all life, hear these prayers of ours for all of humankind. We rejoice you have called us to be witnesses of your Son. Renew our Easter joy and grant what we need. 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 5 May 2019 : 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

It's the month of May and the Universal Church traditionally dedicates this month to Mary. So, like last year let us pray a decade of rosary during this month of May. I know many don't pray the rosary anymore as I was told that Australians have gone passed praying the rosary. Well, that is understandable. But, I also feel we should ask ourselves a very important question and reflect deeply on it. Have the Australian Church and the faith of people grown deeper and closer to Jesus ever since giving up many fundamental Catholic traditions? Hence, as Jesus said, "You will be able to tell them by their fruits." Matthew 7:20. So, for the sake of the renewal of the Church and for all those who need prayers, let make some sacrifices to just pray one decade of the Rosary and let the Lord surprise us with His grace. God bless. - Fr Francisco

PARISH NOTICES

TRAINING: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION DATE CHANGED TO SATURDAY 25TH MAY

Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMoHC) in our Parish Community? We are holding a training session on Saturday 25th of May at 9am at St Francis (please note date change). If you would like to attend please contact Ruth at the Parish Office to register.

QUICHE & CHARDONNAY AT ST JOSEPH

Quiche & Chardonnay is returning to St Joseph on Sunday, 26th 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.

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 as soon as is possible.

ST JOSEPH PARISH HALL

A reminder that the Australian Electoral Commission has secured the exclusive use of the Parish Hall until 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note there is no Children's Liturgy this week. Parents please pick up activity sheets for your children from the back of the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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.

PETS IN THE PARISH

We want pics of the furry, feathery (and maybe scaly?) members of our 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.

OTHER NOTICES

LIFE & SPIRITUALITY OF EILEEN O'CONNOR, SERVANT OF GOD REFLECTION MORNING SATURDAY 25 MAY 2019

Presented by Dr Jocelyn Hedley at 45 Victoria Street Waverley. Please join us for Mass at Mary Immaculate Church (9:15am) followed by Input & Reflection at the Parish Centre (10am) and a talk on Secular Franciscan Fraternity (1pm). Lunch will be provided. It is essential to RSVP for this event. For more information or to RSVP please contact Timothy McCarthy (timothyofs@gmail.com).

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.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM WITH DR ANNA ROWLANDS

May 25th, 10am to 3.30pm, ACU Campus, Strathfield. \$25 per head. 1st Session: "Simone Weil, Hannah Arendt & Gillian Rose - Prophets for our Crisis-Ridden 21st Century" followed by Q & A. BYO Lunch 12pm - 1.30pm. 2nd Session: "The Other - A Realistic Understanding of Catholic Social Teaching" followed by Q & A. Contact Catalyst for Renewal on 02 9990 7003 or at catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au.

MAY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday the 11th of May, to Honour our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. Commencing at 11.30am with entrance procession (in the Cathedral) followed by Holy Mass at Noon. Knowing the frailty of our world we look forward to you joining us in Prayer. Contact us: 0403578994

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

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

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: 6 June 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 Debieu & 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: James Adamovich, Brian Roderick, Dorothea Rodi, 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, Carmen Duncan,

Mass Intentions: Mary Markovitch, Jeanette Rawlinson, Raffaele Prochilo, Eugenio Parini, Michele & Rosa Caccamo, Khoury & Nader Family, 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, 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.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Appeal

This weekend sees our first CWF appeal of the year. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion by funding CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Discipline (CCD), Ephpheta Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our Seminaries and our Chaplaincies. To find out more about CWF and these important works visit www.cwft.org.au.

Please donate using the envelopes provided. These can be found in your Planned Giving packs and at church entrances this weekend.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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 SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

JOY COMES WITH THE DAWN. The disciples of Jesus went through the blackest of nights on the Sea of Tiberias. They were weighed down by grief and shock at the death of Jesus, and guilt for denying him in the case of Peter. And they caught no fish. But joy came with the dawn when the risen Christ appeared to them. They caught many fish, shared a meal with him and Peter experienced forgiveness. The risen Christ comes to us in this Eucharist bringing nourishment, forgiveness and light.

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. May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 5:27-32,40-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13.R.v.2

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (or Alleluia!)

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, / restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**



2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. / His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. / At night there are tears, / but joy comes with dawn. **R.**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. / The Lord came to my help. / For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; / O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Apoc 5:11-14
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 21:1-14

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.
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Longer form Jn 21:1-19

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. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual 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-V 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 Jn 21:12-13

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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

THREE TIMES: 'DO YOU LOVE ME?'

Today's Gospel describes an appearance of the risen Lord to seven of the male disciples by the Lake of Galilee.

Led by Peter, they have reverted to their old trade of fishing. This might seem to be something of a falling-away from their high calling. But in the gospel tradition, fishing for fish (that is, ordinary fishing) is a symbol of the mission of the Church. Encounter with the risen Lord will finally transform them from fishers of fish into fishers of people.

When 'the disciple whom Jesus loved' (traditionally associated with St John) recognises Jesus on the shore, Peter shows the ardour of his love by jumping into the sea and swimming to Jesus, who, in a delightfully human touch, has prepared breakfast for the group, kindling a charcoal fire.

As Good Shepherd, Jesus has laid down his life for the sheep entrusted to him by the Father (John 10:11,14-16). Now that shepherding role is going to fall to Simon Peter. But first his readiness for it must be probed and tested. Only if Peter loves Jesus 'more than these others' will he be suitable to take up the pastoral role which Jesus has exercised to the point of death.

The triple interrogation concerning love both gently recalls and lovingly repairs the triple failure when, alongside an earlier charcoal fire, fear led Peter to deny Jesus three times. In fact, as Jesus goes on to say, Peter will end his term as chief pastor by laying down his life in imitation of his Lord

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