

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who watches over those entrusted to him, and who knows the sound of our voice. With confidence we pray.

Reader: For our Church and our parishioners at Paddington, Edgecliff and Double Bay.

All: May we proclaim the joy of the Risen Christ in our homes and in our communities, through forgiveness and reconciliation.

Reader: For all the world's nations and peoples.

All: May the Lamb of God shepherd us in the way of God's justice and peace.

Reader: For the Australian Church, as we prepare for the 2020 Plenary Council.

All: May you give us ears to listen humbly to each other, and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

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 parts of our nation that are still in drought.

All: May the rains fall abundantly on their fields.

Reader: For the gift of motherhood.

All: May our Holy Mother Mary be the guide and inspiration of all Christian mothers.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends.

All: May they take their place at the feast of the Lamb of God.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Good and Gracious God, listen to our prayers which we make in the name of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for our Mothers

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their daughters and sons, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect and love. 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 12 May 2019 : 4th Sunday of Easter Year C

From Fr Piotr ... I have been in Australia for eight years now and am about to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Ordination. To mark this milestone I have been allowed to take an extended vacation. For the next three months I will be visiting my home country Poland, after which I will return to minister in this community. When I came to Australia from New Guinea I was nourished by your sense of community, your friendliness and your acceptance of me as an 'outsider'. I tried desperately to get your Aussie accent. In the month of May our thoughts go to Mary, who as the mother of Jesus has become a model of every day living for our community. Totus Tuus, Maria - "Totally yours, Mary". God Bless - **Fr Piotr**

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 or for more information please contact Ruth at the Parish Office.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed. 5 June 2019. 7.30 - 9pm at the Paddington RSL Club 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Sharing the Journey - through Addiction" Speakers: Dr Anant Sharma, a Psychiatry Registrar at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; Julie Sneddon, CEO of CANA Communities and Kieran who has participated in an Addiction Recovery CANA Community program. Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated by our community on June 22nd with an information evening held this Thursday 16th May at 5:30pm in the St Francis, Church at Paddington. Please note this information evening is mandatory for all candidates who should be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For registration forms, prerequisites and more information please visit our website at www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com or contact Ruth at the Parish Office.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your boxes and envelopes to the Parish Office or to the priest after mass as soon as is possible.

WE HAVE A PARISH TWITTER FEED, BUT FEW FOLLOWERS

Please follow us @stfrancisjoseph

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.

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).

DO YOU SHOP FOR GOOD

SHOP FOR GOOD is a pathway for ethical shopping endorsed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. You can choose SHOP FOR GOOD products from the catalogue and place your order by phone or email or online. Brochures are available at the front doors of the church or go to: www.sydneycatholicantislavery.org

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.

AQUINAS SYMPOSIUM 2019

The Dominicans invite you to explore the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas with a symposium to be held at Notre Dame University and St. Benedict's Church, Broadway on Sunday May 26th, 10.30am-4pm. Commencing with 10.30am Mass at St. Benedict's followed by presentations on the life of St. Thomas. The day will also include lunch and an interactive trivia competition. Entry by donation. Please RSVP by Monday May 20th: aquinasevents@gmail.com.

THE BISHOP'S BLEND

Bishop Umbers is hosting the 8th edition of a series of breakfast events for young professionals, on Monday, 27 May 2019 at 7:00am. The purpose of these events is to bring young Catholic professionals together for a quarterly breakfast, and for them to hear from a well-versed professional in a chosen field how they personally live their faith in the workplace.

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: Manuela Bezzina, 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: Bill Stavrellis, Peg & Paul Kelly, Eiko Tamura-Concepcion, Ruby Joyce, Judith Gazal, Dolores Montilla, Daniel Montilla, Ron Lovell, 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 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, Holy Souls.



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Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

Our 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.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:27-30

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.
I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
 I know them and they follow me.
 I give them eternal life;
 they will never be lost
 and no one will ever steal them from me.
 The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
 and no one can steal from the Father.
 The Father and I are one.'

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.

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. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy.

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL**UNDER THE CARE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

In last week's gospel we heard Jesus reinstate Simon Peter as chief shepherd of the flock. Today's gospel continues the image of members of the Christian community as 'sheep' belonging to the flock of the risen Lord.

The image is not so congenial for us today as it was in the Palestine of Jesus' time when shepherds and the sheep they guarded had a far more intimate relationship. We can pick up the essentials of what the image wants to say without pressing the details too far.

As 'sheep' belonging to the Lord's flock, we listen to the voice of the Shepherd, who is constantly addressing us in the Scriptures and the sacramental life of the Church. We attune our hearing to the sound of that voice and the message it imparts.

Further, we are confident that the Good Shepherd has intimate knowledge of each one of us — knows our individual strengths and weaknesses, our capacities and liabilities. Confidence in his knowledge and love leads to trust and readiness to follow whenever and wherever our Shepherd calls.

The image moves in a fresh direction when Jesus presents himself as the one who gives his sheep 'eternal life', that is, a share in God's own eternal being and the communion of love that is the Trinity. Beginning here and now, this is something that will ensure that the flock will not be lost (from eternal life) or stolen from the Good Shepherd. Since he and the Father are one, our ultimate Shepherd is God.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C**12 MAY 2019**

I KNOW MY SHEEP. The apostles faced much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today's Scripture readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32:5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal 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.

GLORIA

Glory 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. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

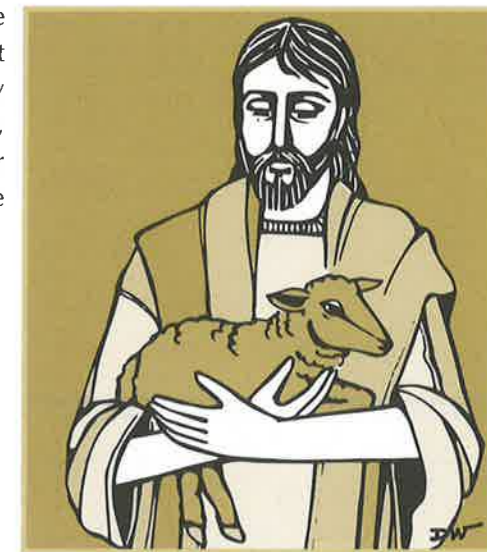
I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 99:1-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. / Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Apoc 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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