

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Prsider: In hope we pray for the world, the Church, and for all in need.

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

All: May all know us as disciples by the way we treat and care for one another.

Reader: For all the world.

All: May those who govern be given your wisdom to refrain from abuse of power; remind them to govern for all peoples and for the good of all creation.

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

All: May you lead your Church into a hope filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Reader: Lord God, you chose Mary to be the mother of your Son.

All: May the Virgin Mary intercede for those who are considering becoming a religious sister, nun, brother, priest or consecrated religious life.

Reader: For those parts of our nation that are still in drought.

All: May the rains fall freely on their fields.

Reader: For the children in our community preparing for their First Holy Communion.

All: May they come to know the power of their Amen, that they may become the Good News.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends.

All: May they in this Easter season be filled with the joy of the Resurrection.

Prsider: Let us pray together.

All: Compassionate God, hear the prayers of your people, which we make in the name of Jesus the 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 19 May 2019 : 5th Sunday of Easter Year C

From Fr Paul On Thursday night a total of 70 families gathered to formally register their children for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. A total of 26 came from St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School while an amazing 44 came from one of our 4 State Schools and from other schools within the parish boundary. While I am not naive enough to think that they will all be regular mass goers I still see this as a sign of great hope for our future. We seek to be the welcoming Body Of Christ to those who come knocking on our door and, in doing so, we become the Good News. As St Augustine writes, 'What you hear, then, is *The Body of Christ*, and you answer, *Amen*. So be a member of the body of Christ, in order to make that *Amen* true. (Sermon 272)

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH THE STUDENTS OF ST FRANCIS

As part of the Catholic tradition we dedicate the month of May to honour Mary, our mother of God. The Students of St Francis Regional Catholic Primary School invite you to join them in praying the Holy Rosary each Friday in May after the 9am mass. The next rosary will be in the St Francis of Assisi Church on the 24th May at 9:30am. We hope to see you there.

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.

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.

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.

DIALOUGE AT EASTFEST

Monday May 20th - 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. Come hang out and discuss faith with the Dominican Nuns from the US whose order is thriving with young nuns on fire for their faith and Fr Dom Murphy who has not only walked the Camino De Santiago but has worked with Mother Theresa. More info easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Today, Catholic educational institutions are faced with the challenge of undertaking their mission within a pluralistic society whilst still genuinely reflecting Catholic faith and values. Please join us as Moral Philosopher Prof Sandra Lynch from the University of Notre Dame delivers her lecture "Mission Impossible? Education & Formation in a Pluralistic Society" at 6:30pm, Thursday 23 May 2019 in the Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral. Refreshments will be provided. Please register your attendance at: <https://www.satcathedral.org/>

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: Eiko Tamura-Concepcion, 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.

Mass Intentions: Pat & Ned Theodore, Gregory & Patricia McCue, Caterina Maiurana, Pat Quade, Kevin De Souza, Bill Stavrellis, Peg & Paul Kelly, 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, O'Rielly, Suzanne Johnston, Holy Souls.

Quiche & Chardonnay Sunday PLUS

Life of a Bondi Girl

St Joseph Edgecliff : Sunday 26th May - 12Noon

All are invited to the launch of Fiona Carpenter's book, **Life of a Bondi Girl**. This special event will be held as part of Quiche & Chardonnay at St Joseph Edgecliff on Sunday 26th of May, following the 11am mass.

Life of a Bondi Girl is a courageous, inspirational and uplifting account of one woman's life. It is Fiona's personal account of the blessing of strength, experiences, opportunities, challenges, hurdles and how life is transpiring.

All are welcome.

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.



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Archdiocese www.sydneycatholic.org

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!**I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.****Alleluia!****GOSPEL**

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone, Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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. O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to

know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. 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** cf. Jn 15:1, 5**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.****Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****GOD'S GLORY REVEALED AS GOD'S LOVE**

It seems surprising that Jesus responds to Judas' departure from the Last Supper with what is virtually a cry of exaltation: 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified'. Judas' betrayal will trigger the sequence of events leading to Jesus' death on the cross. In human understanding, such a death is the ultimate in shame and degradation; for Jesus it will be the moment of 'glorification'.

To understand this, we have to appreciate the biblical sense of 'glory'. No human being can see God. But the presence, power and character of the unseen God is to be seen in the created world and in saving events—as, for example, the deliverance of Israel from captivity in Egypt. Such things reveal God's 'glory'.

The Fourth Gospel makes clear that the glory of God, revealed in a terrifying and remote way to the Israelites on Mt Sinai, has been made manifest in the humanity of the Son (John 1:14). And, as the story unfolds, it becomes clear that the high point of this revelation will occur as Jesus is 'lifted up' and dies on the cross. The crucifixion, while at one level the effect of human violence and treachery in unparalleled degree, is also his 'glorification' in that it supremely reveals the nature of God to be love (cf. 1 John 4:8, 16).

After Jesus' death and return to the Father, the community will no longer have his physical presence to make the divine love palpable in their midst. His 'new commandment' is that their love for one another must henceforth take on this role.

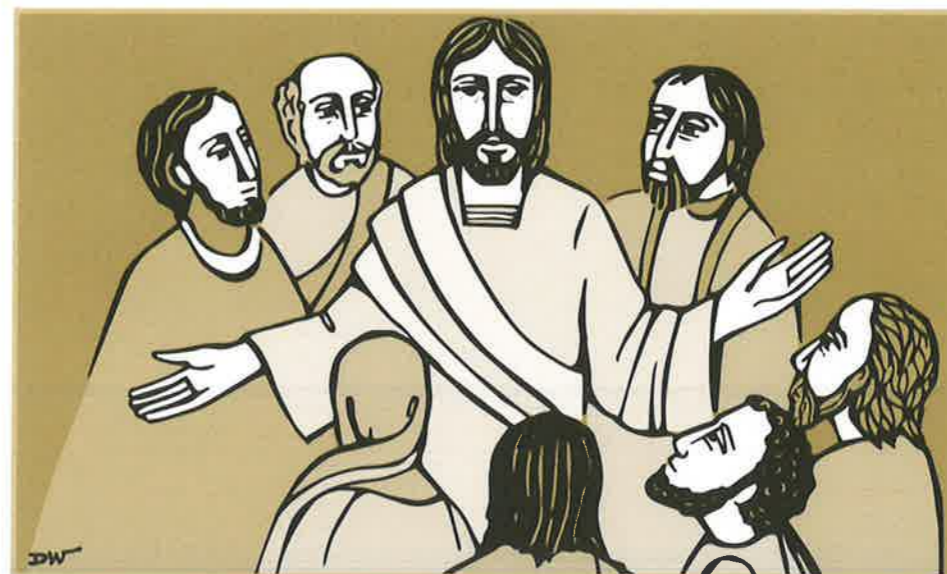
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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

19 MAY 2019



LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Today's Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: 'as I have loved you, you also must love one another'. In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 97:1-2**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.****GREETING**

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 14:21-27**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**
They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, / to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule lasts from age to age. **R.****SECOND READING**

Apoc 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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