

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: As the power of the resurrection resounds in our hearts, let us lift our needs to the Father with confidence and love.

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

All: May we embrace the mission of the disciples reaching out to others of every race, gender, language and nation.

Reader: For the leaders of governments.

All: May they be moved by the Holy Spirit to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly in peace.

Reader: Lord of the Universe, you come to us daily in the Eucharist and in the Word.

All: Help our Franciscan Parish to witness humility and communal care, being open to inviting others to our way of 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.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends.

All: May they live forever in the light of your glory.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Compassionate God, hear our prayers as we celebrate our Easter rebirth. Remake our hearts and recast our spirits to make of us a fitting dwelling place for you and your Son, the Risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY - JUNE 3

"Reconciliation is ultimately about relationships and like all effective relationships the one between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians must be grounded in truth," Karen Mundine

Prayer for the Journey of Healing

Almighty and loving God, you who created ALL people in your image, lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past. You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven. We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.

We are sorry and ask God's forgiveness.

Toughen the hearts of the broken, homeless and afflicted and heal their spirits. In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable. Lord, you are our hope. Amen.

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.



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 26 May 2019 : 6th Sunday of Easter Year C

Last Thursday Bishop Terry Brady gave the opening address at an Induction Day for new Parish Priests. Speaking on *the Privilege of being a Shepherd in the Parish* he highlighted 6 signs of health for a parish community. He asked:

[1] How many are there on the communion rounds, is anyone being left behind? [2] How healthy is our music ministry, does the community worship joyfully? [3] How connected is the community with other Catholic Agencies in the parish, can we do more? [4] How transparent is the parish office in the way we handle our finances? [5] How well does the parish team get along, are we an example for others to follow. [6] How many of our emails and phone calls are responded to in a timely manner?

This practical list has helped me realise that even though we are on the right path there is still much to be done. To get it done I need your help. This week I put out an 'SOS' to any parishioner to come forward and offer their assistance that we may grow in health as a community of faith. **Fr Paul**

PARISH NOTICES

ST CANICES KITCHEN

Paul Redmond writes, "Thanks for the hard work, teamwork and camaraderie that made today's lunch so happy and successful for our guests but also for us. Nina's amazing improvised salad, Mary-Ellen's peerless peas, hot lasagne served with equal personal warmth by Trish, Speranza and Josie, Terracita serving the salad, Peter and Kevin's dessert, and everybody pitching in for the preparation and clean up."

Thank you to these amazing parishioners who work on the front line of bringing about God's Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, JUNE 22 AT 5:30 MASS

The children of our Parish Community will celebrate their First Holy Communion at mass on Saturday, June 22nd at St Francis, Paddington. We are privileged to have over 70 candidates participating this year from twenty different schools including St Francis Regional Primary School. All are welcome to join us for this special mass and celebration. Please note, this mass may run longer than usual due to the number of candidates celebrating this special milestone in their lives.

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 Wednesday in May after the 9am mass. The next rosary will be in the St Francis of Assisi Church on the 29th of May at 9:30am. We hope to see you there.

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

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

ACTIV8: A MONTHLY PRAISE AND WORSHIP INITIATIVE

Come along for great contemporary music with the Come Alive Band, testimony by the head of Sydney Catholic youth, experience prayer ministry, reconciliation and adoration. End with hot toasties and our signature hot chocolate. Join us, Pagewood Parish Centre, 7pm, Friday 7th June. For more information call 0414188682 or email easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com

PENTECOST RETREAT: MOVED BY THE SPIRIT

Please join us as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit with a one-day semi-silent retreat. Sunday 9th June 2019 (9.30am-4pm). Cost \$50 inclusive of meals. Venue: The Centre 14 Francis St, Randwick. All ages welcome. Contact Verbum Dei Missionaries at verbumdeisydney@gmail.com or phone us on 9341 5848.

COUNSELLING AVAILABLE WITH NO WAITLIST

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTION MORNINGS

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am - 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For more information contact Bereavement Support at bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au or (02) 9646 6908.

VISITING ROME? STAY AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA

Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. For information please visit our website at www.domusaustralia.org.

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

First Collection After the Creed. For the upkeep of the friars.

Second Collection After the Prayers of the Faithful. For the upkeep and maintenance of the church and parish buildings.



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 Debieen & 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: Bill Stavrellis, Ada Iatropoulos, 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.

Mass Intentions: Jerry Austin, Geoff Cliff, Lena Kaine, Violet Kiernan, Andrew Georgiou, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Tino Ordonez, Anne Cole, Julee Lyle, Patrick Oglivie, Pat & Ned Theodore, Gregory & Patricia McCue, Caterina Maiurana, Pat Quade, Kevin De Souza, 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, Sean Killen, Thomas Edmund Baker, 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.

