

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: We have been chosen in Christ to follow wherever he leads us. Let us ask the Lord to open His grace to the world, so that everyone may follow Christ's lead.

Reader: For the Church and our community of Paddington, Edgecliff and Double Bay.

All: Guided by the Spirit may we be steadfast in walking the path of integrity and justice.

Reader: For those who lead in our world.

All: May they use their power to serve others wisely and well, and so follow the example of Christ, who became the servant of everyone.

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 Australian Church as we continue the work of the Plenary Council.

All: May we all be inspired to serve in a fruitful way so that our Church may be strengthened and supportive of the voice of God.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends.

All: May they now enjoy the fullness of your presence.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Hear our prayers, gracious God, and teach us to value one another in the freedom you have given us. We ask this 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 30 June 2019 : 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the last couple of weeks, Sydney has experienced a consistent rain fall. This rainfall comes as a relief to many after the long drought. In ancient Israel, drought was seen as a punishment, and rain a blessing; a divine symbol of life. These forces of nature were a strong way of getting Israel's attention. Have we become less attentive to these signs? It may be when the rain interrupts our recreational or sports plans we see it as a curse. In our lives so blessed with great resources and food in abundance have we forgotten to recognise the rainfall as a blessing from God? Therefore, whenever it rains, let us be grateful for it and thank the Lord for it because, from rain our crops grow, our livestock's are fed and we are nourished as the food and the drinks we consume are dependent on the rain. So, "Blessed is He who is good, and gives us good things!" Amen.— Fr Francisco

PARISH NOTICES

EDGECLIFF KEYS

Do you currently have a key to St Joseph at Edgecliff. Please contact Ruth at the Parish Office to register your key. If you are no longer using your key could you please return this to the office?

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes for the coming financial year (Jul 19 to Jun 20) are now available for collection. Please note in order to help us manage costs some planned giving numbers will be changing in the new year however your giving history and all other details will remain. Thank you for generous support of our planned giving programme. Remember, all contributions to Planned Giving must be received prior to June 30 if you would like to receive a tax deduction for your donation this year.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed. 3 July 2019. 7.30 - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Sharing the Journey . Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a Shared Future". Speakers: Matthew Smith - Principal of Redfern Jarjum College, Redfern & Louise Campbell, an Education officer - Aboriginal Education for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office Donation entry. MC: John Allen Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

CANA COMMUNITIES AT DE PORRES HOUSE

We need your help! We need additional volunteers to assist our work with Cana Communities at De Porres House. There is a roster of volunteers who work as a team to provide and serve meals to the residents of De Porres. If you can help or for more information call Paul Redmond on 0416 884 195 or contact the parish office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Did you know that every Friday morning our community visits Presbyterian Aged Care and Ronald Coleman Lodge to give communion and company to residents? We are looking for new volunteers to join this roster. Each volunteer is rostered every four to six weeks. New recruits will start by buddying with an existing volunteer to 'learn the ropes', no experience is required. If you can help support this important work please the office on 9331 4043.

CONFIRMATION

Our community will celebrate confirmation this year on Thursday, Sept 5th at 6pm in the St Francis Church at Paddington. There is a mandatory information evening on Thursday, August 1st. For prerequisites and to download the enrolment form please visit our website or contact Ruth at the Parish Office.

JOIN US ON TWITTER

Don't want to wait to read the weekend bulletin to know the latest news and updates? Join us on twitter for the latest from our communities of Paddington, Double Bay & Edgecliff in real time. To be in the know about what's happening follow us at @stfrancisjoseph and stay in touch.



OTHER NOTICES

CAN YOU HELP A CHILD IN CARE?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 16 July 2019, 5:30 - 8.00pm. Marist180, 36 First Avenue Blacktown. To secure your place call CCareline on 13 18 19 or email connect@familyspirit.org.

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 further information please contact Bereavement Support by phone on (02) 9646 6908 or by emailing: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

VOLUNTEER TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO SENIORS

We need 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: 4 July 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.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PAVERS

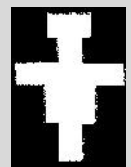
In 2019 St Francis Primary School will be providing an opportunity to create a lasting legacy in the school with an engraved commemorative paver. More information and forms are available at the Church entrances. Otherwise please contact Christine Hart in the School Office on 9331 5507.

MY FAITH IN THE WAKE OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION

A REFLECTION BY ROBERT FITZGERALD AM
Former Commissioner to the Royal Commission on
Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse

FRIDAY 5 JULY AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PADDINGTON
7PM IN THE CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER

Presented by Repair My House. Repair My House is a group of concerned parishioners who have been discussing how we as a community respond to all forms of abuse where the God Given value and dignity of the individual has been violated.



"Francis, go repair my house, which, as you see, is falling into ruin" were Christ's words to

the young St. Francis as he was praying in the crumbling little church of San Damiano outside the walls of Assisi. Register for this event at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/my-faith-in-the-wake-of-the-royal-commission-tickets-62686966404>

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.



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

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: Peter O'Brien, Paul Irvin, John Scott, Guida Nolasco, John Coulson, Veronica Henderson, Rebecca Newman, Pat Kerr, Phillip Gay, Michael Donovan, Mrs Cass, Rosemary Farmer, Bill Stavrellis, Ada Iatropoulos, Eiko Tamura-Concepcion, Manuela Bezzina, James Adamovich, Brian Roderick, Dorothea Rodi, Matthew Bolton, Christine Andrew-Smith, Sr Raphael OP.

Mass Intentions: Francis O'Dillon, Nita & Domenic Casamento, John & Jeanette Rawlinson, Catherine & Cherrie, Dezma Malouf, Odette Malouf, Malouf & Dickson Families, Francisco Correa, Genevieve Scarf, Finbarr O'Farrell, Peter Meagher, Molly Odillo Maher, Len Destro, Beth Constance, Daniel O'Connell, Herminia Hernandez, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Carmen Bellanto, Frances Furlong, Edward Kiernan, Richard Szewczyk, Keith Steele, Avery & Roche Family, Joseph, Sheila & Paul Dahdah, Joan Connelley, Adamovitch & Ford Families, Hector Destro, John Carmody, Vinz Napoli, Jim Evans, Jerry Austin, Geoff Cliff, Lena Kaine, Violet Kiernan, Andrew Georgiou, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Tino Ordenez, Anne Cole, Julee Lyle, Patrick Oglivie, 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 SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 JUNE 2019

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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. O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we

serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. 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-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

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. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. 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

A PASSION FOR LIFE

Today's Gospel begins at a turning point in the Gospel of Luke. Like the Servant figure in Isaiah 50:7, Jesus 'sets his face' as he sets out on the long journey to Jerusalem that will climax in his suffering and death.

When a Samaritan village proves inhospitable to messengers that Jesus sends before him, two disciples propose a violent response: call down fire from heaven. But violence is not Jesus' way to deal with rejection. What he would bring—to Jerusalem and to the world—is peace (19:41-44; 2:14).

But Jesus does give very demanding responses to three people who offer themselves as companions on his journey. To the first he responds that following him will mean a wandering life of risky reliance on hospitality, with no guarantee of secure lodging.

The prophet Elijah allowed his disciple Elisha to go home and bid farewell to his parents (1 Kings 19:16,19-21). Jesus, by contrast, insists to two other would be followers that even the most sacred family obligations must yield to the claims of the Kingdom, which is about rescuing human beings for life.

The Jesus who confronts us here may seem unusually harsh. But it is important to keep in mind that the other side of this stance is the passion for human lives that drives him on. He is on the march now to a conflict with demonic forces that seek to dehumanise and destroy the world. Those who would seek to rescue people for life and for love must share both his passion and the hardships it entails.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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FREE TO FOLLOW. In today's Gospel Jesus resolutely takes the road to Jerusalem. He knows that his passion and death await him. We also need determination to follow Jesus along the way of the cross. At times we will be tempted to look for excuses to turn back. May the Lord free us from such temptations that we may journey with him through suffering and death to the glory of the resurrection.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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

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. O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped

in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings
Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. R.

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. R.

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

SECOND READING

Gal 5:1, 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians
My brothers, you were called to freedom.



When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:51-62

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.