

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* Let us come before the Lord confident in the one who has done great things for us.

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

**All: May we seek "the better portion" - the will of God in all things.**

*Reader:* For those who lead in our world.

**All: May they reflect the generous hospitality of the Gospel spirit, assisting those who by war, persecution or famine have lost home and safety.**

*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 freely on their fields.**

*Reader:* For all those working to prepare materials for the Plenary Council.

**All: May their diligence be rewarded in spiritual ways and be result in the flourishing of our Australian Church.**

*Reader:* For those who have died in the peace of Christ.

**All: May they be welcomed by saints and angels into the house of God.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: Kind and loving God, hear our prayers. May we serve you by serving one another, joyfully and sincerely, compassionately and completely, just as your son Jesus served and loved us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**Confirmation  
Information Session  
Thursday 1st August, 5:30pm**

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Francis Paddington on Thursday, 5th September. Candidates should be in Year 6 or above and need to have celebrated First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion prior to their Confirmation.

All candidates (accompanied by at least one parent/guardian) are required to attend an information session on Thursday, 1st August in the St Francis of Assisi Church at Paddington. For more information or to obtain an enrolment form please contact Ruth at the Parish Office on 9331-4043 or visit the parish website at [www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/confirmation/](http://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/confirmation/)  
**Enrolment forms due by Friday 26th July.**

**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 21 July 2019 : 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### From Fr Francisco...

I recently came across this quote by Chris Shea: *The pursuit of inner peace is more important than the search for happiness and success. Happiness is but a fleeting emotion, and success can be taken from us just as it can be gained. But true inner peace is permanent.* How true is this statement? Jesus tells us, "What benefit is it to anyone to win the whole world and forfeit or lose his very self?" (Lk9:23). When we gain everything, there are much to worry about in our life. But, when we gain inner peace through God's grace, our emotions and mental health are not disturbed. And we can control over our moods and reactions. St. Padre Pio once said "Don't worry to the point of losing your inner peace. Pray with perseverance, with faith, with calmness and serenity." God bless.

**PS. Quiche & Chardonnay at St Joseph's - Sunday 26 July after the 11am Mass. All welcome.**

### PARISH NOTICES

#### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

**Don't forget to collect your Planned Giving envelopes from the table in the church. If you attend mass at the Uniting Church chapel in Double Bay, call the parish office and we'll arrange for them to be taken to the Sunday mass for you to collect. If you would like to join our Planned Giving program for the FY2020 year please contact Ruth at the Parish Office.**

#### SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed. 7 August 2019. 7.30 - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Sharing the Journey - towards the end of life". Speakers: Dr Margaret Somerville, Professor of Ethics at Notre Dame University & Nicholas Eddy, Principal Lawyer at Nicholas Eddy. Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

#### END OF FINANCIAL YEAR RECEIPTS

Thank you for your generosity through the financial year. EOFY receipts will be sent at the end of July for your contributions to Planned Giving, the Charitable Works Fund and Project Compassion through the year.

#### EDGECLIFF KEYS

Do you currently have a key to St Joseph at Edgecliff? Please contact Ruth at [administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com) to register your key. If you are no longer using your key please return to the Parish Office.

#### JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for our Children's Liturgy program. The program operates during the 8:30am Mass at St Francis (term time only) and is a fun, interactive way to make the mass meaningful for the youngest members of our community. This program is run by volunteers who each lead a session once or twice per term. Resources and support are provided and inclusion on the quarterly roster is tailored to your personal availability. If you can help us continue this important work contact Ruth at the Parish Office for more information.

#### PETS IN THE PARISH

Don't forget to send us pics of your pets for inclusion on the parish website! Please send your photos and a small bio to [administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com)



### OTHER NOTICES

#### FORGOTTEN - RIVERSIDE THEATRE - 23 to 27 JULY

CEDP CAPTIVATE Presents, *Forgotten*, a new play by Cate Whittaker. Based on the 1827 rebellion at the Parramatta Female Factory Prison this is the story of the women who while incarcerated there fought bravely for their rights. CAPTIVATE is part of the Catholic Education Office and this production features high school students, leading teachers and ACU students and CAPTIVATE alumni. To book or for more information visit the Riverside website: [riversideparramatta.com.au/show/forgotten/](http://riversideparramatta.com.au/show/forgotten/)

#### IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY: OCT 3 - 6

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available. For more information, contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth at [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)/(02) 9307 8152

#### TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Inquiries: 9307 8300

#### 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.

#### 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: 1 August 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 Debien & 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

Enrolment now open. For prerequisites, more information and to download the application form please visit our website or contact Ruth at the Parish Office. Applications close July 26.

### 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](mailto: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:** Neroli Redden, Jorge Fernandez, Frances Furlong, Ivan Shearer, Esme See, Clarence Anderson, Domingo Cabautan, Rebecca Gallagher, Peter O'Brien, Paul Irvin, John Scott, Guida Nolasco, John Coulson, Veronica Henderson, Rebecca Newman, Pat Kerr, Phillip Gay.

**Mass Intentions:** Dolore & Daniel Montilla, Gaetano Carone, Jerry Austin, Frances Dillon, Janjan Zerrudo, Joy Abadiand, Rene Zerrudo, Elizabeth & Nerio Salledo, Tico Family, Lucia Gania, Joshua Dia, Josephina Galan, Christine Singh, Ron Daniels, Virginia Ross, Blossom Hooper, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Tino Ordonez, Vince & Marie Toohey, David Saw, Liam O'Brien, 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, Edward Kiernan, Richard Szewczyk, 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.**



**GOSPEL**

Lk 10:38-42

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.**

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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 in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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 Ps 110:4-5**

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

**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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****CHOOSING THE BETTER PORTION**

Two sisters, Martha and Mary, give hospitality to Jesus. Martha appears to be the dominant personality, perhaps the elder. Certainly, her hospitality is more active and practical. Her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet and listens. This sets up the kind of 'triangular' pattern often found in scenes in Luke's Gospel: Jesus interacts with a character, usually someone in a marginal situation; a third character takes offence at this and grumbles. Jesus defends the more marginal party, showing how their action is the more appropriate in view of what he has to bring.

In this case, it is Mary whom Jesus defends. Martha fusses about preparing many dishes. (Think of non-Western cuisine when several different dishes—fish, chicken, lamb, vegetable, etc.—are placed before guests all at once.) Jesus points out that just one dish would have been enough. Drawing a metaphor from the meal, he states that, by simply listening to him, Mary has 'chosen the better portion'—that is, of the 'meal' that he is providing.

Many readers of this episode, especially women, side with Martha. Her complaint is very reasonable.

But this is precisely the point. Frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what is most appropriate. Good people often measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord, forgetting that nothing that they can ever do could match all they need to receive. The Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow life, love and salvation. That is the 'better portion' that Mary understands and receives.

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

21 JULY 2019

THE BETTER PART. Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 53:6, 8**

**See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 Gen 18:1-10**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

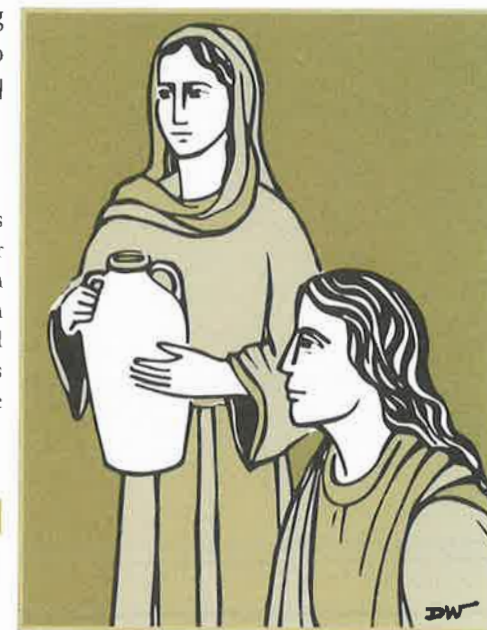
The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1**

**R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING Col 1:24-28**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 8:15**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!**