

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Gracious God, through the example of your Son you have given us a way of praying in confidence and so we offer our needs to you.

Reader: For our Church.

All: May we seek to be ministers of God's reconciling and healing compassion.

Reader: For a sense of justice and mercy.

All: May we, like Abraham, speak on behalf of victims of poverty, oppression, greed and abuse.

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 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: For those who have died.

All: May they arise to the new life of the Risen Christ.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Father, we humbly request that you give us the grace we seek that we may grow closer to you as your loving children. We make this prayer, as always, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit. 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/

Enrolment forms due by Friday 26th July.



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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ON FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

Ours is a Franciscan Community. This thought led me to consider what it is St Francis might have to say to us as we prepare for the Plenary Council. Francis left twenty-eight snippets of advice, known as *The Admonitions*. In his Fourth Admonition Francis writes:

LET NO ONE APPROPRIATE TO HIMSELF THE ROLE OF BEING OVER OTHERS

I did not come to be served but to serve (cf. Mt. 10:28), says the Lord. Those who are placed over others should glory in such an office only as much as they would were they assigned the task of washing the feet of the brothers. And the more they are upset about their office being taken from them than they would be over the loss of the office of [washing] feet, so much the more do they store up treasures to the peril of their souls (cf. Jn. 12:6).

Francis gave a new way of life to the Church. He did not do this for the sake of being independent but for the sake of trying to live the Gospel in a literal way and to follow the footprints of the Lord who was obedient even to the point of death. Like anyone else Francis had to work out how best to lead, which is the task that you and I must learn as leaders in faith.

As we look forward in anticipation of the fruits of the Plenary Council let us do so with the humility of the saint whom we claim as our own.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: AUSTRALIA'S SAINT IN WAITING EILEEN O'CONNOR, SERVANT OF GOD

Join Fr Francisco on a pilgrimage to Eileen's burial place, Our Lady's Home, 35 Dudley St, Coogee. Visit the convent museum, learn about her life and spirituality, and pray at her tomb. Saturday 17 August, 10am. RSVP is essential: administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com or on 9331 4043.

ARE YOU PLANNED GIVER ENVELOPE 113?

If you are the Planned Giver at St Francis, Paddington with envelope #113 (in FY20) please contact Ruth on 9331 4043 to provide your information for end of year receipting.

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.

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.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR RECEIPTS

Thank you for your generosity through the financial year. EOFY receipts will be sent in early August for your contributions to Planned Giving, the Charitable Works Fund and Project Compassion through the year.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FY20

Envelopes should now have been received for the Planned Giving program for FY20. If you have not received your envelopes please contact the Parish Office and we will ensure they are sent to you. If you are not currently a planned giver but would like more information or to join the program please contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving donations can be made through cash or credit card.

OTHER NOTICES

The Archdiocese's Anti-Slavery Taskforce is holding an event to commemorate the World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Please join us for the Australian book launch and rare opportunity to meet author, artist and survivor Mr Vannak Anan Prum. Vannak Anan Prum is a Cambodian survivor of human trafficking. While looking for work on the Thai-Cambodian border, he was detained as a slave on a fishing boat, enduring hard labor and hellish treatment for four grueling years. After making his escape by literally jumping ship, Vannak was sold by his ostensible rescuers on the Malaysian coast to a plantation owner and police official. After another year of hard labor and imprisonment, a human rights organization helped him finally return to his family.

Date And Time: Tuesday 30 July 2019
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St
133 Liverpool Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

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/(02) 9307 8152

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 Debieu & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smelders - 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. 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: Andrew Heather, Fr Michael O'Sullivan, Flora Heffernan, Kate Hogan rsm, Janet Karpin, Joyce Campbell, Ted Ryan, Renato Tolentino, Neroli Redden, Jorge Fernandez, Frances Furlong, Ivan Shearer, Esme See, Clarence Anderson, Peter O'Brien.

Mass Intentions: Margaret Dillon, Carmen & Angelina Bellanto, 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 Ordenez, 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, 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.

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in
debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you
has a friend and goes to him in the middle of
the night to say, "My friend, lend me three
loaves because a friend of mine on his travels
has just arrived at my house and I have
nothing to offer him"; and the man answers
from inside the house, "Do not bother me.
The door is bolted now, and my children and
I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you."
I tell you, if the man does not get up and give
it him for friendship's sake, persistence will
be enough to make him get up and give his
friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to
you; search, and you will find; knock, and the
door will be opened to you. For the one who
asks always receives; the one who searches
always finds; the one who knocks will always
have the door opened to him. What father
among you would hand his son a stone when
he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake
instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if
he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil,
know how to give your children what is good,
how much more will the heavenly Father give
the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings /
which we bring from the abundance of your
gifts, / that through the powerful working of
your grace / these most sacred mysteries may
sanctify our present way of life / and lead us to
eternal gladness. / 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by
your Cross and Resurrection you have set
us free.

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 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have consumed, O Lord, this divine
Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the
Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that
this gift, which he himself gave us with love

beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation.
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

PRAYING WITHIN THE FAMILY OF GOD

While short and stark compared to the *Our
Father* more familiar to us in St Matthew's
version, the Lukan form in today's Gospel
probably preserves more accurately Jesus'
actual words to his disciples.

Behind the opening word 'Father' lies
Jesus' characteristic address to God as
'Abba', the familiar Aramaic address to
the male parent, most accurately rendered
as 'Dad'. The prayer begins, then, by
drawing the disciples into the familial
relationship with God that he enjoys.

The sequence of the petitions that follows
is itself an instruction on prayer. God's
'agenda' comes first: that God's name
be held holy, that God's kingdom come.
Only after this Godward focus (which, of
course, is ultimately for the benefit of the
world) do the petitions address human
need: for sustenance ('daily bread'), for
forgiveness, and finally for protection in
the hour of trial.

In the petition for forgiveness, the sense
is not that God waits to see whether
we forgive before offering forgiveness.
Rather, we can block the flow of God's
always available forgiveness if we do not
let it flow through us by forgiving others.

The final petition does not imply that
God would *lead* us into temptation and
trial. Rather, we pray that in trials and
troubles our faith may not give way.

As a whole, the prayer is the prayer of a
community that knows itself to be the
loved family of God, to whom, on its
journey through life, it constantly turns
in confidence and trust to receive those
benefits that only God can give.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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YOU ANSWERED ME. From Abraham's example and Jesus' teaching, we learn
much about prayer in today's readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more
than mere persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with
humble acceptance of God's will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than
God wants us to be.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites
those who dwell in his house; he himself
gives might and strength to his people.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

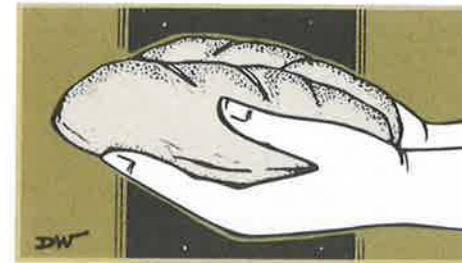
R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glorify 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, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation,
nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your
mercy upon us and grant that, with you as
our ruler and guide, we may use the good



things that pass in such a way as to hold fast
even now to those that ever endure. 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 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis
Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is
against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous
is their sin! I propose to go down and see
whether or not they have done all that is
alleged in the outcry against them that has
come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom
while Abraham remained standing before
the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you
really going to destroy the just man with the
sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in
the town. Will you really overwhelm them,
will you not spare the place for the fifty just
men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing:
to kill the just man with the sinner, treating
just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will
the judge of the whole earth not administer
justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find
fifty just men in the town, I will spare the
whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak
like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes.
But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will
you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he
replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five
just men there.' Again Abraham said to him,
'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will
not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be
angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps
there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not
do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He
said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but
perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I
will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake
of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will
not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps

there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it'
he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you
answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, /
you have heard the words of my mouth. /
Before the angels I will bless you. / I will
adore before your holy temple. R.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and
love / which excel all we ever knew of you. /
On the day I called, you answered; / you
increased the strength of my soul. R.

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the
lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. /
Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you
give me life and frustrate my foes. R.

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, /
your hand will do all things for me. / Your
love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the
work of your hands. R.

SECOND READING

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has
forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you
were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have
been raised up with him through your belief
in the power of God who raised him from
the dead. You were dead, because you were
sinners and had not been circumcised; he has
brought you to life with him, he has forgiven
us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled
every record of the debt that we had to pay; he
has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which
makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 11:1-13

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.

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying,
and when he had finished, one of his disciples
said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John
taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say
this when you pray: