

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Let us offer our prayers to God, the giver of life and source of all that is good.

Reader: For the leaders of the church.

All: May they set an example of personal holiness which will encourage all Christians to put the love of God first.

Reader: For those in charge of world finance.

All: May they use their skills and influence to allow all of humanity to reach its' full potential.

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 prepare for the 2020 Plenary Council.

All: May you give us the grace to see your face in one another, and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Reader: For our parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All: May receive in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: For our faithful departed.

All: May they see God face to face.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Gracious God, may your Spirit of wisdom and justice dwell within us that we may work joyfully to make these prayers a reality. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAINTENANCE WORKS

For your information I thought you might like to know what maintenance and building work is currently being scheduled for the parish:

- The organ build at St Francis is nearing completion.
- Both churches should have new confessionals by the end of the year.
- The Parish Office upgrade, focusing on safeguarding, will soon begin.
- Quotes for a new heating and cooling system for St Joseph Church are being gathered.
- Roofing work on the St Francis Welfare building has been approved.
- Roof tile and ceiling work at St Francis Church is being investigated.
- The roofing above the vestibule at St Joseph's has been sealed and the area will be sanded back and painted.
- Plans are underway for a parish AGM sometime in the future, which will involve the establishment of a parish advisory body.

My particular thanks to both finance committees for their ongoing support and direction. *Fr Paul*



Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington, St Joseph Edgecliff and the 8:45am Mass at Double Bay
In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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Sunday 4 August 2019 : 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

DO YOU NECESSARILY NEED A TAX DEDUCTION ON YOUR PLANNED GIVING?

Planned Giving donations that attract a tax deduction are subject to strict rules under Australian Taxation law that significantly limit the way our community can utilise these funds. This money can only be directed towards an eligible DGR (deductible gift recipient) such as the Charitable Works Fund.

However, did you know that planned giving donations that do not require a tax deductible receipt can be utilised more broadly to support the day to day needs of our parish and community. These contributions literally keep our lights on.

In the next few weeks all planned givers will receive a phone call asking if you require tax deductibility on your donations. This information will allow us to best use your generous contributions and plan for the future of our community.

It is the generosity of our givers that allow us to have a sacramental program, catechists, sacred music, altar supplies, cleaners, utilities, maintenance of our buildings and functions such as the blessing of the animals. New contributors are always welcome.

To become a planned giver contact the Parish Office for more information.

The Parish Team

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.

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 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.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED LIFE AS A FRIAR MINOR?

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OTHER NOTICES

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

Join us as the Archdiocese of Sydney dedicates a Mass for Vocation and 40 hours of Adoration to pray for more vocations to consecrated life and the Priesthood. A Mass for Vocations will be celebrated by a Bishop of each region of the Archdiocese of Sydney. This will be followed by all night Eucharistic adoration. Mass for Vocations celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP on Wed 7 Aug 2019, 7pm at St Mary's Catholic Church, North Sydney.

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

Are you interested in becoming an accredited Family Life Educator with CatholicCare?

We provide evidence-based fertility awareness and information at pre-marriage courses. We also facilitate 'Puberty Changes' sessions for pre-teen students in schools. Expressions of interest are now open. 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: 1 August at 5pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm in the church at Edgecliff.

Lectio Divina: A meditative reading of the Scripture, 6pm 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 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. 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: Ted Ryan, Maureen Killbane, Ronald Lovell, Andrew Heather, Fr Michael O'Sullivan, Flora Heffernan, Kate Hogan rsm, Janet Karpin, Joyce Campbell, Renato Tolentino, Neroli Redden, Jorge Fernandez, Frances Furlong, Ivan Shearer, Esme See, Clarence Anderson, Peter O'Brien.

Mass Intentions: Bryan Digges, Norma & John Coulson, Ross Algie, Jim Evans, Sr Margaret Armstrong, Vinz Napoli, Ford & Adamovich Family, Avery & Roche Family, Margaret & Patricia 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, Holy Souls.



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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.

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.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

04 AUGUST 2019

inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: "There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight 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. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. 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 Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. 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

TRUE AND FALSE SECURITY

We human beings are very insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and, in that fear, desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security against all manner of threats.

Wealth seems to offer the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry, we shall have a roof over our heads; we shall gain influence and power, the likelihood of good health, and the enjoyment of life's better things.

But the deep fear that feeds our insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth, so that the desire itself can become insatiable and eventually take over our lives, making us increasingly insensitive and to other, deeper values.

The parable in today's Gospel addresses this issue. The rich landowner, whose chief problem was finding space for his harvest, thought he could look forward to many years of the good life because of all the 'security' he thought he had stored up.

But, 'this very night' the demand is made for his 'soul'—that is, for his worth as a human being, a prerequisite for eternal life. It is exactly this deeper question that the man's preoccupation with his wealth has caused him to neglect.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being 'rich' in one's relationship with God, because this is the only relationship that transcends death.

But a preoccupation with wealth also poisons human relationships, and erodes the concern for others that is the basis of community. Attachment to wealth in this sense is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating the hospitality of God.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today's Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 69:2, 6

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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. Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,

that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things



that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:13-21

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.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our