

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: The Lord is Good and will hear our prayer. Let us pray to the Lord for the grace to be ready to do his will every moment of our lives.

Reader: Help us to work well today.

All: Transfigure our hearts with your presence.

Reader: We do not always feel the joy and power of your presence.

All: When we are weak and tired, help us to look forward to the glory that is to come.

Reader: Remember all who live in depression and distress.

All: Bring them to new hope in the gospel.

Reader: We praise you, Lord and thank you for the greatness of your glory.

All: Be with us as we set out to build up your new creation.

Reader: We pray for those in our community who have died and for those who mourn.

All: Show them the way to peace through the kindness of those who care.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Merciful God, hear the prayers we offer you this day. Give us your grace to recognise your presence in the things we see, and to trust in your providence in the things we do not see. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Thursday, 15th August

This most important Feast Day observes our belief that the Virgin Mary was physically taken up into heaven. It provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the heavenly birthday of the Virgin Mary. In Australia we are called to observe Weekly Mass and to observe two other Holy Days of Obligation.

Christmas Day December 25:

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Assumption August 15:

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For your convenience four masses have been scheduled for this day.

9am Parish Mass, St Francis of Assisi

10:15am School Mass, St Francis of Assisi

5:30pm Parish Mass, St Joseph

7pm Parish Mass (with Choir), St Francis of Assisi
Happy and Holy Feast to all Parishioners.

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 11 August 2019 : 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Next Thursday, the 15th of August the Universal Church celebrates the feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three Solemnities that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the Australia. The other two being Christmas and Easter. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. It was until 1950 that this feast was defined as Dogma by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. The feast highlights Mary's eternal reward for her faithfulness to God. Her faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in others and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation. God bless. — **Fr Francisco**

PARISH NOTICES

ABC FILMING FOR COMPASS AT ST FRANCIS, PADDINGTON Sunday, 18th August at 10am Mass

Please be advised that ABC Television will be filming for Compass at St Francis, Paddington during the 10am mass on August 18th. For those attending this mass there is the possibility you will be filmed and included in the footage aired. On this occasion we recommend either 1. Attending an alternate mass or 2. Sitting in an area where filming will not be permitted.

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.

IS THIS YOUR PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE?

We have several planned giving envelopes without details attached to them. Please contact the Parish Office on 9331 4043 or at administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com if one of the following envelopes belong to you:

St Joseph, Edgecliff: Envelope 17 and Envelope 92
St Francis, Paddington: Envelope 113 and Envelope 119

FY2019 TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts should now have been received for the prior financial year. If you have not received a receipt for your giving we may need to update your details in our system. Please call the Parish Office and let us know so we can update those details and issue your receipt.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

NSW BILL TO BE DEBATED

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this month. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. [Contact details for your local MP and a note for parishioners may be found on the website.](#)

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.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI REGIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF PAST PHOTOGRAPHS

The St Francis of Assisi Regional Catholic Primary School is currently seeking copies of old photographs connected with the school throughout the years. These may include school photographs or images of the school building and past school events.

If you are able to support us in our search please send copies of photographs via info@sfpaddington.catholic.edu.au or place into school letter box at 64 Gordon St, Paddington.



WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass and take home one of our Welcome Packs to find out more about your new community. Welcome Packs are available at the church entrance.

OUR PARISH

Paul Ghanem ofm - Parish Priest
Piotr Rzcudlo ofm & Francisco Basnayake ofm - Assistant Priests
Pax Scarf ofm, Phillip Miscamble ofm, David Leary ofm, Joseph Lu ofm - Friars in residence
Ruth Rawlinson - Parish Manager
Tanith Bryce & Dean Thill - Cantor & Organist, Edgecliff
Noel Debieen & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold - Safeguarding Support Officer
Nicole Hudson - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School

WEEKLY SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Sunday: 7:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm
8:45am at Double Bay

Monday: 7:00am

Tuesday: 7:00am Communion Service
5:30pm

Wednesday: 5:30pm

Thursday: 5:30pm

Friday: 7:00am

Baptisms: First Sunday of the month at 12.00 noon

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am

Monday: 9:00am

Tuesday: 9:00am Communion Service

Wednesday: 9:00am

Thursday: 9:00am

Friday: 9:00am

Baptisms: Third Sunday of the month at 11.30am

2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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: Anthony Dainer, Lewis Malouf, William Dickson, Malouf & Dickson Families, Catherine Morton, Mary-Agnes Kiernan, Michael Rastovich, 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, Virginnia Ross, Blossom Hooper, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Tino Ordenez, Vince & Marie Toohey, David Saw, Liam O'Brien, Nita & Domenic Casamento, 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 12:32-40

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.*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***Longer form Lk 12:32-48***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. Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered

and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. 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 147:12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. 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****READINESS TO RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT**

The rather mixed series of instructions in today's Gospel come together around two related themes: God's desire simply to load us with blessings and our need to be on the watch so as not to put obstacles in the way.

In view of the Lord's generosity, the best thing we can do with present wealth is to use it to give alms to the poor. This converts it into 'credit' in a heavenly bank, literally, 'treasure in heaven'. Such is the only credit that survives the barrier of death.

We may not share the anticipation of the Lord's imminent return that the early generations of believers had. But the gospels leave us with a keen sense of life as something for which we are accountable. Like the slaves awaiting their master's return, we are responsible and accountable—responsible for the welfare of others, especially the poor and disadvantaged, who, Jesus makes clear, are particularly precious to God.

This sense of accountability is not at odds with God's being 'determined' to give us the Kingdom. It is precisely because such riches are at stake that the responsibility is grave.

To make the point Jesus uses examples familiar to his audience from the practice of slavery at the time, including references to punishments that defaulting slaves were wont to incur.

In so doing he neither endorses slavery nor implies that God acts just like the returning slave-owner. God's generosity is not in doubt. What needs to be attended to is our capacity and readiness to receive what God has in store.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

11 AUGUST 2019

KEEP AWAKE TILL HE COMES. The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today's Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the 'God of surprises'. Paul has similar advice for us: 'Keep alert, stand firm in your faith' (1 Cor 16:13).

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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**

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. Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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**

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

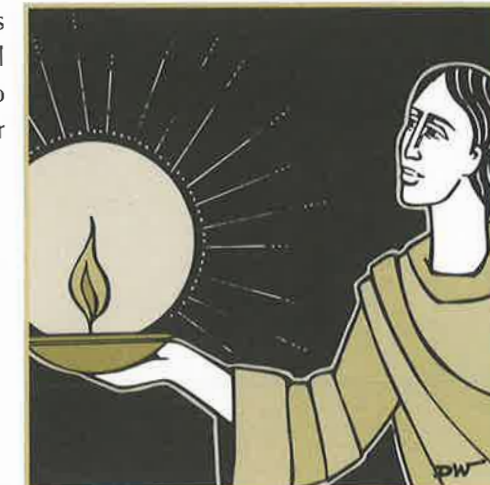
The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**



3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.***Longer form Heb 11:1-2, 8-19***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!