

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* Our faith in the power of Jesus Christ helps us in life, especially in difficult times. We pray in faith to the Lord for his grace, for the needs of the Church and world.

*Reader:* Christ, our king and redeemer.

**All: Help us to know your power and your love.**

*Reader:* Christ, our hope and courage.

**All: Sustain us throughout the day.**

*Reader:* Christ, our refuge and strength.

**All: Fight with us against our weakness.**

*Reader:* Christ, our joy and solace.

**All: Stay with the poor and the lonely.**

*Reader:* Christ, who came to us through the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Guide those who are about to be Confirmed with you wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.**

*Reader:* Christ who raised Jesus from the dead.

**All: Raise up our mortal bodies that we may be one with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: Gracious God, hear these prayers of ours.**

**May your Holy Spirit extinguish division and discord among us and ignite a blaze of compassion, justice and hope within us.**

**We ask these in the name of your Son, our Light and Hope, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

## CANA APPEAL : THIS WEEKEND

Our parish has long supported Cana.

### What is Cana?

Cana Communities began in 1975. Working in inner-Sydney Cana has a number of overnight shelters and homes. Since 2011, Cana has operated a Farm at Orchard Hills in the western suburbs of Sydney. At Cana Farm, people have the opportunity to learn and work in a supportive, caring environment.

### Who runs Cana?

The organisation is mostly run by volunteers, and is solely reliant on donations from the community. Cana Communities receives no government funding, and is grateful for your support.

### Who does Cana support?

Cana provides relief from poverty, suffering, destitution and helplessness for people struggling with mental illness, addiction, homelessness, loneliness and other factors that alienate them from society. Central to the life of the Community are those who are most in need and who, through being rejected, powerless or violent, have the least options. These people are our primary focus.

### How?

Cana Communities celebrates people.

- We create a community with all the love, chaos, and frustration of a family, in which people can feel listened to and valued.

- We provide shelters and homes and a sense of belonging for people in need.

- We have volunteers who visit men and women in jail.

Cana supports those who live on the margins, many who have spent years on the streets and in institutions.

*Your Support Is Greatly Appreciated.*



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 18 August 2019 : 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

*Did you know that St Francis had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary? Her place in his writings demonstrates the centrality of the Incarnation within Franciscan Spirituality. I invite you to make Francis' prayer your own:*

### Salutation of the Blessed Virgin

Hail, holy Lady, most holy Queen, Mary, Mother of God, ever Virgin;  
chosen by the most holy Father in heaven, consecrated by him, with his most holy beloved Son  
and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: on you descended and in you still remains  
all the fullness of grace and every good. Hail, his Palace; hail, his Tabernacle;  
hail, his Robe, hail, his Handmaid; hail, his Mother; and hail, all holy Virtues, who,  
by the grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are poured into the hearts of the faithful.  
So that, faithless no longer, they may be made faithful servants of God through you.

*St Francis of Assisi*

## PARISH NOTICES

### ABC FILMING FOR COMPASS AT ST FRANCIS, PADDINGTON This 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 this Sunday. 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.

### 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 please call the Parish Office and let us know.

### 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.

### 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

### A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER

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 Dear Brothers As you would know, the bill to legalise abortion up until birth, with very few safeguards for mothers or children, passed the Legislative Assembly last night. It now moves to an inquiry before a vote in the Upper House. To that end, a petition is being organised to ask Upper House members to vote against the bill. A copy of the petition is attached. I ask that the petition be available for parishioners to sign at Masses over the next two weekends, and returned promptly to the Archdiocese and in any event, by no later than Tuesday, 20 August 2019 so that petitions can be collated, counted and presented to the Legislative Council. Our Life, Family and Outreach team will be helping to co-ordinate volunteers to assist in parishes. If you have any enquiries, please contact Monica Doumit, Director of Public Affairs and Engagement, on 0417 102 103 or monica.doumit@sydneycatholic.org. I ask you also to continue to pray that the bill will be defeated, and that a civilisation of life and love will prevail.

Yours fraternally in Christ, +AF

### 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.

### Pope Francis' Call to Love Creation Talk Franciscan Seculars Holy Spirit Fraternity Gathering on Wednesday 28 August 2019

All interested are welcome. Join us at 7pm Mass at Star of the Sea Friary 45 Victoria Street Waverley followed by 8pm Talk by Columban missionary priest Charles Rue in Charles Borromeo Centre 45A Victoria Street Waverley 2024. Please RSVP attendance to [timothyofs@gmail.com](mailto:timothyofs@gmail.com) by 26 August

## 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 Scar 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

## 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:** Margaret Roche, Bernice Reid, Sheila Stanton, John Deaker, Suzanne Carver, Carmen Duncan, Greta Lacoan, 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:** Veronica Simon, Tsaoucis Family, Pedregosa Family, Nana Helen & Grandpa George, Miriam Ibrahim, Katarina Novak, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Tino Ordonez, Danielle Linkson, Peg & Paul Kelly, Jack & Maureen Brett, Nan Kelly, Anthony Dainer, Lewis Malouf, William Dickson, Malouf & Dickson Families, Catherine Morton, Mary-Agnes Kiernan, Michael Rastovich, Bryan Digges, Norma & John Coulson, Ross Algje, 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, 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.**

**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.**





**GOSPEL**

Lk 12:49-53

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.***I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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. Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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 129:7**With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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 in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.****REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****NO PEACE WITHOUT CHANGE OF HEART**

A tough message that we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?' Well, wasn't that the message that the angels announced on the night he was born—'Peace on earth to people of good will'? But here he's saying, not peace, but division—division especially within families. What are we to make of it all?

Jesus may in fact have come to bring peace but it is no simple matter for that peace to be received. His message calls for conversion of heart. It challenges deep seated views and comfortable arrangements—especially social arrangements that privilege a few people while many others miss out.

Bringing God's peace to the world will mean for Jesus conflict with the authorities of his people and ultimately death on a cross. It is only after he has emerged from that conflict, victorious in resurrection on the third day, that he will say to his shattered disciples, 'Peace be with you' (Luke 24:36).

So there is a cost to being a peace-bringer to a world that may long for peace but not be prepared to confront the cost that true peace requires.

Even the most basic human institutions are not exempt from the challenge that following Jesus' way requires. Saint Francis of Assisi and many other saints who, like him, followed Jesus in a very radical way, had to break with their families in so doing. It's that sort of challenge that Jesus is being clear about in the Gospel.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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18 AUGUST 2019

THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN. Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming a Christian added to their troubles as they met opposition from non-Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face of them.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 83:10-11

**Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R. Amen.****GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

**COLLECT**

P. O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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**

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**  
*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**  
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. **R.**  
3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**



4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Heb 12:1-4

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 10:27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**