

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* We come to the Lord's table as a community of faith. In that same spirit of faith, let us offer our prayers for the needs of all people:

*Reader:* For our local Church and Parish Community.  
**All: May we worship and work together keeping our vision always fixed on the Risen Christ.**

*Reader:* For the wider Australian Church, as we prepare for the 2020 Plenary Council.

**All: May you lead your Church into a hope filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.**

*Reader:* Lord of Compassion, you inspired St Francis of Assisi to be your instrument of peace.

**All: Inspire young women and men to consider becoming sisters, nuns, brothers or priests.**

*Reader:* For those who work for Christian unity.

**All: May they help us to see the presence of the Holy Spirit at work amongst those of other faiths.**

*Reader:* For those parishioners preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

**All: Fill them with a love of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Reader:* For the souls of those who have died.

**All: May they find light and peace in the presence of God forever.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: God of all nations, hear the prayers we offer. May the spirit of community which brings us together at this Eucharistic table bring us and all your people together one day at your table in your heavenly kingdom, where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever. Amen**

## Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2019

Migrant & Refugee Week 19th - 25th August 2019

This year we mark the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with the theme **it is not just about migrants.**

In his message His Holiness Pope Francis, tells us: *"It is not just about migrants: It is also about our fears... It is about charity... It is about our humanity... It is a question of seeing that no one is excluded... It is about putting the last in first place... It is about the whole person, about all people... Our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate."*

To read this letter in full in you may download a copy of the 2019 Migrant and Refugee Booklet by visiting the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office website

<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>

**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 25 August 2019 : 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Last Saturday, 17th of August, a group of parishioners from the Parishes of St. Francis and St. Joseph made a mini pilgrimage to the burial place of 'Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor in Coogee. Eileen O'Connor is the co-founder of the congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor. The pilgrimage was led by our parishioner, Jocelyn Hedley. It was a very spiritually enlightening pilgrimage for me because Jocelyn pointed out how Eileen saw her suffering as a means to love and serve the poor. One quote from Jocelyn that stuck me deeply was, "When we think upon this society in which we find ourselves, we think of a society that is so deeply entrenched in consumerism that even human life has lost its inherent, God-given value and has become a mere commodity—such that it is the consumer who has the right to choose whether that human life will live or whether it will die. The 80,000 plus abortions every year in our country alone give witness to this, as does the current and growing debate on euthanasia." Sadly, how true is this. So, let us pray that through the grace of God people will see the value of life in each person and for the restoration of the dignity of the human life regardless of race, gender or beliefs. Also, Jocelyn will launching her new book "Hidden in the Shadow of Love: The story of Mother Theresa McLaughlin and our Lady's Nurses For the Poor. It will be launched by His Lordship Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Randazzo at the Congregation's home 35 Dudley St, Coogee at 11 am. All are welcome. A light lunch will be served afterwards. *Fr Francisco*

## PARISH NOTICES

**The Parish Office no longer has a fax number. Other than sending an email why not pop in and say g'day.**

### THANK YOU FROM ST CANICE'S

On Sunday last a team from St Francis and St Joseph served 100 meals at St Canice's Kitchen, an outreach activity of that Jesuit parish. Lasagne and peas, the world's biggest and best salad, custard and peaches served with lots of smiles, laughter and love. The team has been together for five or six years although we're always open to new members. We've been asked to take on more Sundays next year. Anyone interested in joining this happy bunch should call Ruth in the Parish Office or Paul Redmond on 0416 884 195. - *Paul Redmond*



### FY2019 TAX RECEIPTS & FY2020 PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to all our Planned Givers who supported the Parish in FY2019, it is your generous contributions that finance the operations of the parish and allow us to support causes like St Canice's Kitchen. If you would like information about joining our planned giving program for FY2020 please contact the parish office on 9331 4043. 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.



## OTHER NOTICES

### Spirituality in The Pub : SIP

Wed. 4 Sept 7.30 - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Sharing the Journey – through sport". Speakers: Sarah Palmer, a Medical Student at Notre Dame University & past teacher of the Special Olympics Dance Performance Group; Melissa Eustace, a Special Olympics swimming Champion; and Greg Tonner, former coach of the Cowboys R L team in Far North Queensland. Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

### 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

### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL : PHOTO REQUEST

St Francis Primary School is currently seeking copies of old photographs. 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](mailto: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 Thursdays 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 Debbie & 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:** Jerry Austin, Joan Yu, Jack Sierra, Margaret Roche, Bernice Reid, Sheila Stanton, John Deaker, Suzanne Carver, Carmen Duncan, Greta Lagoon, 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:** Concepcion Family, Nina & Mary, Non and Papa, Cathy Wu-Hutchins, Veronica Simon, Tsaucis 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 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, 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, 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.**

where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets," but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

"Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

 cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. 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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### THE NARROW GATE

Someone questions Jesus about the number who will be saved. He will not respond in quantitative terms ('How many ...?'). Rather, he turns the question back into a warning. Don't miss the opportunity while it is still available.

To make the point Jesus takes images from everyday life (without necessarily commending the behaviour involved!).

When an entrance or gateway is narrow and many are trying to get through, it pays to struggle and get to the front right away. We cannot just 'coast' into salvation; effort is required.

Travelers arriving late at a large household might hope for special consideration on the grounds of being known to the owner. But the lodging is full up with others who have got in before them. Imagine how they would then feel—out on the street for the night in a strange city, the door barred against them.

In the preaching of Jesus, we are all invited to the banquet of the Kingdom. But we can exclude ourselves from the banquet by not being prepared to accept that divine hospitality at the time—and in the company—of God's choosing.

The Gospel summons us to go in by 'the narrow gate', the gate that strips us of the various kinds of 'baggage' that selfishness loads upon us.

Those who daily take the message to heart can leave the question of salvation safely in the hands of the all-generous God, whose only desire in our regard is to have us as honoured guests at the banquet of eternal life.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

25 AUGUST 2019

ENTERING GOD'S KINGDOM. It is frustrating to arrive at a shop a few minutes after it has closed, or at an event only to discover that all tickets have been sold. There is nothing we can do about it. We have no automatic right of entry. The same applies to God's kingdom. To join the many people from east and west at the heavenly banquet we must strive to follow Jesus along the narrow and sometimes difficult path of love.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

## 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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Isa 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

R. Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News (or Alleluia!)

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, / acclaim him all you peoples! R.

2. Strong is his love for us; / he is faithful for ever. R.

SECOND READING Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering



is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 13:22-30

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.

*From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know