

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: With humility and trust we place our needs before our God who is all All Good:

Reader: For Pope Francis and Church Leaders.

All: May they continue to lead us humbly in your service and take into their particular care the needs of creation.

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

All: May you bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Reader: God Ever-New, send your creative spirit upon leaders of the Church.

All: May renewal in the Church encourage young people to be leaders who live the Good News.

Reader: For all leaders of nations.

All: May they realise and accept that the created world is sacred and work towards stewardship of all the earth.

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, especially for deceased fathers.

All: May they join St Joseph and all the saints in a place where there is no suffering and no tears.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Father of all, we make our prayers not trusting in our own strength, but in the power of your saving help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for

their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.



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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From Fr Paul On Thursday September 5, His Grace Archbishop Fisher will confirm 42 children and 2 adults in a ceremony at St Francis of Assisi Paddington. This ceremony brings to a conclusion the Sacramental Program for 2019, which includes the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Unlike other church trends the number of parishioners seeking access to these sacraments has grown steadily over the past 12 years. What is more surprising is that a majority of the participants do not attend our local primary school. The reasons for this are many and, I would argue, include: 1] My conviction that the Church is alive and well. 2] The amazing success of our Catechist Program. 3] A renewed effort on the part of the Parish Office to use social media and other technologies to keep in touch with families. 4] A genuine desire on the part of families to give their children the gift of holiness. With this success comes an extra responsibility; how do ensure these children are given the best possible formation? In 2020 I would hope to bring together a Sacramental Program Support Team to help do the important work of preparing the children of our community for these sacraments. Is that person you?

PARISH NOTICES

The Parish Office no longer has a fax number.

Other than sending an email why not pop in and say g'day.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

4 SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM AT THE PADDINGTON RSL CLUB

Wednesday 4 September 7.30 - 9:00pm at the Paddington RSL Club, 232 Oxford Street, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

On Thursday night 42 children and 2 adults from our community will celebrate their Confirmation with us at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington. The candidates come from 19 different schools including St Francis of Assisi Regional Catholic Primary School and our four Catechist schools of Woollahra, Double Bay, Glenmore Road and Paddington Public. We offer special thanks to the teachers of St Francis, Paddington, our Catechists, Parents and Confirmation Sponsors for their preparation of the candidates and particular thanks to Ms Lisa Netting who has coordinated the event. Please join with us in praying for the candidates as they celebrate this important milestone in our community.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Envelopes for the Father's Day Appeal which supports the Priests' Retirement Foundation are available this weekend. The appeal is an opportunity to raise money for retired priests who belong to the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY IN DIGITAL FORM

Want to know what is happening in the Catholic Church here in Sydney, around the country and abroad? The website www.catholicweekly.com.au has daily updates of breaking news, features, commentary and video from Australia and the world. The Catholic Weekly online has built a proud reputation as a news-breaking brand that sets the agenda on Catholic discussion. It is also mobile compliant and can be read anywhere, anytime at your convenience. **Hard copies only \$2.**

OTHER NOTICES

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 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 or place into school letter box at 64 Gordon Street, Paddington.

BOOK LAUNCH BY PARISHIONER JOCELYN HEDLEY

Lady's Nurses for the Poor invites friends of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God, to the office launch of the book: "Hidden in the Shadow of Love: The Story of Mother Theresa McLaughlin and our Lady's Nurses for the Poor" by Jocelyn Hedley. The book will be launched by Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney. When: 11:00am Saturday 28 September. Where: Our Lady's Home, 35 Dudley St, Coogee. Followed by a light luncheon. RSVP by 13 September at olnp@ourladyesnurses.org.au or call (02) 9665 6331.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY : WALK WITH CHRIST

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on 24 November at 2.30pm.

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 5:00pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm in the church at Edgecliff.
Lectio Divina: A meditative reading of the Scripture, 6:00pm **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 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. 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: Bill Murphy, Valerie Jaeger Green RSC, Andreas Georgiou, 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: Antoinette Chelala, Norma Berry & Neville, Concepcion Family, Nina & Mary, Non and Papa, Cathy Wu-Hutchins, Veronica Simon, Tsaouis 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, 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.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. 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 Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.

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

PREPARING FOR GOD'S HOSPITALITY

As so often in Luke's Gospel, the event described in the Gospel takes place at a banquet to which Jesus has been invited. He notices that the guests, as soon as they arrive, inevitably choose the highest, most honourable places.

His comment on this behaviour may seem to be simply a piece of commonsense wisdom: choose the lowest place because if there has to be a rearrangement (to seat everyone according to rank), it's much better to be promoted to a higher place than to be demoted. Think of the humiliation, the loss of face involved!

However, the fact that this episode has been introduced as a 'parable' means that something more significant than everyday advice is at stake. The parable refers to the great reversal that is to come with the full arrival of the Kingdom, when God will enrich the poor and uplift the lowly (see the *Magnificat* [1:51-53] and the Beatitudes [6:20-26]). Those who choose now to sit with the poor and marginalised are destined for 'promotion'; those who sit with the rich and powerful will find themselves sent down to the lowest places.

Jesus has taken an image from everyday life and made of it, not so much a moral maxim, as a profound statement of the implications of the Gospel. Associate now with the poor and befriend them. At present they may seem to have nothing to offer. But being hospitable to them now stores up for you the welcome that truly matters: the welcome into the hospitality of God that lasts forever.

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TAKING THE LOWER PLACE. In today's Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord's Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

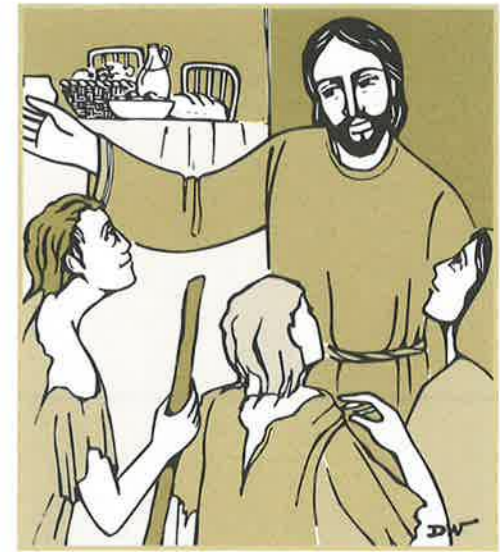
RESP PSALM Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



SECOND READING Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed