

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* As it says in the Psalm, in every age God has been our refuge, so now we ask with confidence for those special needs:

*Reader:* For Pope Francis.

**All: May his leadership of love and mercy be an inspiration to other bishops and church leaders.**

*Reader:* For the wider 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:* God of love and life, You are good, all good and highest good.

**All: Call generous young women and men to follow the example of Francis and Clare.**

*Reader:* For all victims and survivors of sexual abuse by church members.

**All: May they find belief, justice and compassion.**

*Reader:* For an end to all forms of sexual abuse in our community.

**All: May the horror of sexual abuse of children and vulnerable people be in the Church and the protection of predators become a thing of the past now and forever.**

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

**All: May they know eternal joy with Christ.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: Loving God, you know our needs before we utter them, so we offer them to you in complete hope and trust. Through Christ our Lord. 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 Archbishop Fisher OP DD .... Statement to be read during Child Protection Week 2019**

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney continuously strives to ensure the safety of children and young people is paramount. This Sunday marks the weeklong celebration of National Child Protection Week; the aim of this week is to engage members of our parish community in supporting and raising awareness of the protection of children. To celebrate this week, the Safeguarding Office along with the children and young people of the Archdiocese of Sydney have developed two fantastic resources, The Caring Code Journey and the Behaviour Code for Young People.

The Caring Code Journey is an interactive resource that mimics that well known snakes and ladders game. It attempts to demonstrate to children aged between 5 – 12 years of age that all actions, whether positive or challenging will always have a reaction that could affect themselves as well as others. This resource will allow children to engage in discussions with others about positive and challenging behaviours that may arise, as well as the importance of developing positive friendships.

Ministry within the Church is about helping carry on the mission of Jesus. The Behaviour Code for Young People provides young people aged between 13 – 17 years of age, who are participating in ministries within the Archdiocese, a list of the expected behaviours. It also provides young people and their parent/guardian with open and transparent steps and actions that a Youth Ministry Team Leader will follow if inappropriate behaviour is displayed in an effort to resolve an issue.

The Caring Code Journey and The Behaviour Code forms part of the Safeguarding Office's suite of child friendly documents and resources. Both these resources will be available in the church for anyone to have a look at and can also be accessed via the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding website.

I am proud to announce that our community continuously supports the efforts of the Safeguarding Office to ensure that OUR parish environment is safe for children and young people.

### PARISH NOTICES

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

### CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

On Thursday night, 42 children and 2 adults from our community celebrated their Confirmation. A blessed night.

### QUICHE AND CHARDONNAY

To welcome the start of Spring, the next Quiche and Chardonnay gathering will be held immediately after the 11am Mass on Sunday 29 September.

### 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](http://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.**

### 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.

### CATHOLIC ADULT FORMATION LECTURE SERIES

Dr Robert Tilley, "To Change the Heart: A Biblical Defence of Pope Francis", Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield. Thursday 12 September 7pm. Donation admission.

### OTHER NOTICES

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT REFLECTION MORNINGS

Third Wednesday of every month 10.00am to 1.00pm. For family and friends in grief. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Catholic Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908.

#### 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@ourladysnurses.org.au](mailto:olnp@ourladysnurses.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 Rzcudloff 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 Deben & 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:** Patricia Brennan, Ryszard Szewczyk, John Matthews, Kathleen Cronin, 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 Lacon, 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.

**Mass Intentions:** Sorin Dascalu, Marie Macken, Hector Destro, Natalie & Domenic Casamento, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Bryan Digges, Tony & Beth Hawker, Antoinette Chelala, Norma Berry & Neville, Concepcion Family, Nina & Mary, Non and Papa, Cathy Wu-Hutchins, Veronica Simon, Tsaoucis Family, Pedregosa Family, Nana Helen & Grandpa George, Miriam Ibrahim, Katarina Novak, Charlie & Eddy Piper, Tino Ordenez, 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, 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.**



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THANKS**

Congratulations to **Catherine Duggan** on having received a Life Member Award from

the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for her 30 years of service as a catechist, while **Helen Torok** received an Apostolic Blessing for her 20 years of service. The final 'hip hip hooray' goes to **Sr Virginia Wilkinson RSC** on her Platinum Jubilee of Religious Profession. Sr Virginia has devoted her life to faith formation as a school principal and teacher.

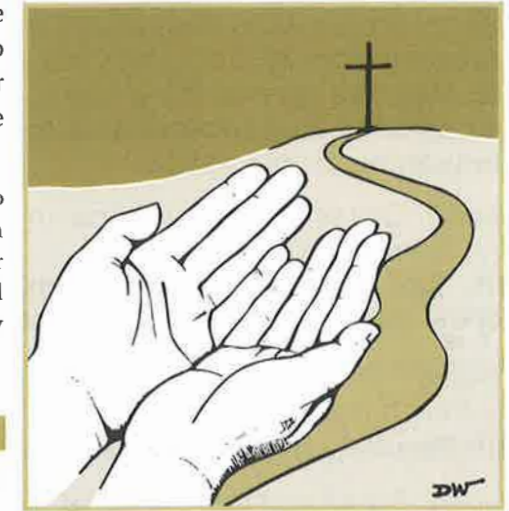
*How blessed are we to count these three women of faith and action as part of our community!*

**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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

08 SEPTEMBER 2019



Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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 God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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** cf. Ps 41:2-3

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. 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

### THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

Today's Gospel contains some of the most demanding utterances attributed to Jesus. Yet, Jesus is simply being honest with his disciples. He foresees that they will inevitably get caught up in the suffering and death he now sees to lie ahead of himself. It would do them no service to keep them ignorant of this. He must prick any illusions they have about where following him might lead.

Jesus does this, initially, in the strong language about 'hating' one's 'father, mother, etc.'. Here we should see a Semitic idiom at work. It is not a matter of literally coming to 'hate' one's family members in the way that English expression might suggest. Semitic languages, by and large, do not have a word for 'prefer'. What Jesus is saying, then, is that family allegiances—so strong in the Palestinian culture of Jesus—have to take second place as far as following him is concerned. Those who adopt his mission, his commitments, and his way of life will inevitably cause pain and sacrifice to those who hold them dear and who perhaps have other plans for them. Hence would-be disciples need to count the cost—a process Jesus illustrates with the parables concerning the builder and the king.

Finally, the most radical challenge for a would-be disciple—to give up 'all possessions'—has to be heard in the context of the heart of Jesus' message, that is, his invitation to the kingdom. In comparison with this supreme good the losses entailed in the present conditions of discipleship find some proportion.

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PUT JESUS FIRST. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, 'Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple'. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don't face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today's Second Reading.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 118: 137, 124

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

## 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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your

beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 9:13-18

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

*Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?*

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

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

Philem 9-10, 12-17

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon**

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Ps 118:135

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

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 do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*