

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Knowing that God's love extends to all of humanity and in a special way to our most marginalised and vulnerable, and that Christ offers life to the full of all God's children, we pray with confidence to our loving God.

Reader: For our Parish Community of Paddington, Edgecliff and Double Bay.

All: May we be guided by the Spirit to be a source of love and life, purpose and renewal, a place where our broken-hearted, our weary, our hungry, our poor and our sick can call home.

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

All: May you give us ears to listen humbly to each other, and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Reader: For those parts of our country experiencing bush fires and drought.

All: May we be of support in prayer and action.

Reader: Lord God, you chose Mary to be the mother of your Son.

All: May the Virgin Mary intercede for those who are considering becoming a religious sister, nun, brother, priest or consecrated religious life.

Reader: For the faithful departed.

All: Having carried the cross of Christ may they now enjoy eternal life.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Merciful Redeemer, you call us to come out of ourselves in loving service of others. We pray that we may be instruments of your love where ever we go. We offer our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana. As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. The Nazareth Home for God's Children is among the pioneers in this crucial mission.

Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

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
In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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Sunday 15 September 2019 : 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

From Fr Paul ... This year marks many anniversaries for the Franciscans, 800 years since St Francis of Assisi crossed the battle lines to meet the Sultan, 140 years since the Friars came to Paddington and Edgecliff and 80 years since the formation of the OFM Province of the Holy Spirit.

To mark this occasion we will soon dedicate the newly completed digital Hauptwerk organ in St Francis Of Assisi Church to the glory of God. For the Edgecliffians, the Church of St Joseph will have its heating and cooling system upgraded. A small gift for each of our two sacred spaces! Meanwhile, the upgrades to the Parish Office and other buildings will begin in earnest. By Easter I hope to have all the parish plant upgrades completed so that the rest of 2020 can be spent in thanksgiving, celebration and renewal; that translates to lots of outreach, parties and community celebrations!

My prayer is that this period of physical upgrades will be mirrored in the spiritual growth of our community. May we truly encounter Christ in our daily lives through the practical and spiritual activities of each day. I believe that this is what it means to experience true ongoing conversion and trust.

May this union of faith and action lead us to a new understanding of what it means to be disciples in the world.

PARISH NOTICES

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

JOIN US FOR THE FINAL SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB OF 2019 WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 7.30 - 9PM

PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Sharing the Journey – through the Magic of Words". Speakers: CHRISTINE CARLTON, President of the Story Tellers Guild and author; and CHRISTOPHER CHENG, an award winning author of more than 40 children's books. Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

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. All are welcome.

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. You can also pick up a paper copy from the Church. **Hard copies only \$2.**

UPCOMING REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS

In the upcoming months you will notice repairs and maintenance undertaken on the Church and other buildings at Paddington. These repairs include treatment of white ants and repair of the Church roof, repair of the roof at Centre 360, the new Confessional and alternations to the office which will also make these spaces compliant with safeguarding regulations. We will keep you posted as these projects proceed.

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: 3 October 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.

OTHER NOTICES

**ST FRANCIS WAY PHOTO EXHIBITION
FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER 6PM-8PM, WAVERLEY**

In the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi is a captivating photographic exhibition which captures the life, times and the unique spiritual expression of St Francis, as he roamed and preached around Umbrian and Tuscan countryside. Seen through the eyes of photographer Colin Beard with a text inspired by writer James Cowan. This exhibition shines a light on a man who has remained mysterious and enigmatic in our eyes because he plummeted to the depths of humankind's relationship with the divine. St Francis's life is a treatise on how this relationship between God and mankind can be forged and cherished to this very day, some 800 years later.

All photos displayed are numbered and signed by the artist. They are available for purchase for \$180 each.

Where: Parish Centre of Mary Immaculate Church, 45a Victoria Street, Waverley. **When:** Fri 4 Oct (Feast of St Francis) 6pm-8pm; 5 & 6 Oct 9am-7pm; 12 & 13 Oct 9am-7pm. **Contact:** Jennifer Keir - 0433 334 334 or Carla Korkor, Parish Secretary - (02) 9369 9399 or office@waverleycatholic.org.au All proceeds will go to Mary Immaculate Church.

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

Opening October 4th Artes Christi presents Victor Hugo's famous story on a wonderful play directed by Donald McDonald. The play is being specifically staged in support of the rebuild of Notre Dame Cathedral Paris and Aid to the Church in the Need (Sri Lanka Appeal). Shows: 4-20 October: Venue: 1880 Hall, Surry Hills, Group Tix from \$30.

Bookings essential: RSVP now by visiting www.theword.org.au or call us on 1800 101 201

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. Please RSVP at olnp@ourladyesnurses.org.au or by calling (02) 9665 6331.



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 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. 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: Sibylla Madigan, Patricia Anne Richmond, Patricia Brennan, Ryszard Szczyk, 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 Lacocon, 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.

Mass Intentions: Justin Beplate, Lloyd Ruz, Peter Hackett, Helen McCarthy, 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, 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 Algie, Jim Evans, Sr Margaret Armstrong, Vinz Napoli, Ford & Adamovich Family, Avery & Roche Family, Margaret & Patricia Dillon, Carmen & Angelina Bellanto, 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.

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends, and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form Lk 15:1-32

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. Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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

RECLAIMING THE LOST

The Gospel for today (if the longer version is read) contains all three 'Parables of the Lost' from Luke 15. Each focuses upon a person who loses something personally precious and who then responds in what seems a foolish and extravagant way: leaving ninety-nine sheep to fend for themselves while going after the one who is lost; turning the house upside-down to find a small coin; running out to welcome home a son who has ruined and disgraced the family. The final act in each case is a summons to a joyful communal celebration.

Jesus tells the parables to defend the welcome he is giving to 'tax collectors (social outcasts) and sinners' and his festive celebration of their being 'found' or 're-found' by God. What he is doing is simply an earthly reflection of a much greater celebration going on in heaven.

Taken together, the parables show that, as far as God is concerned, the chief issue is not so much sin and its forgiveness but the loss and then the recovery of human beings, who are so precious in God's sight.

The third parable, commonly but somewhat inadequately known as 'the Prodigal Son,' introduces a further character, the older brother. His behaviour shows the difficulty human beings have in coming to terms with such a vision of God.

True conversion is not just a matter of turning from overt sinfulness (like that of the younger brother). It can also mean confronting resentment at God's generosity to others. What human beings might be thought to 'deserve' does not control the action of God.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

15 SEPTEMBER 2019

PARABLES OF MERCY. The parables in today's Gospel all speak of the mercy of God. When we stray from the right path, God comes looking for us, not to condemn us but to offer us forgiveness. If we are contrite, God will lift us up and carry us back to the community, as a shepherd carries a stray sheep back to the flock. What great rejoicing there will be in our reunion with God and with the community.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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. Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk. 15:18

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

3. O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. / My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; / a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-10

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.