

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Let us pray to the Creator of all that is that we will be inspired by Jesus' example of respect and inclusion to foster genuine human encounter in our face to face interactions and in our digital world.

Reader: For our political and religious leaders.

All: May they ensure sound governance of our digital world, protecting the rights of all people and fostering the common good.

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

All: May you give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

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

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

Reader: For all people who are subjected to racial or religious vilification and cyberbullying.

All: May they may find respect, support, and inclusion.

Reader: Lord of the Universe, you come to us daily in the Eucharist and in the Word.

All: Help our Franciscan Parish to witness humility and communal care, being open to inviting others to our way of life.

Reader: For our deceased brothers and sisters.

All: May those who have loved and mourned them find support from the compassionate heart of Christ expressed through their neighbours and friends .

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Hear the prayers of your people, merciful God, and in your loving kindness, grant us all that we need to remain faithful to you.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer from Pope Francis Message for World Communications Day

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practise listening;
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

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 22 September 2019 : 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: MAKING IT REAL, GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019–2020 affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements that are harmful to the dignity of individuals and the common good.

Pope Francis is calling us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. Here are ten steps we can take towards making our online presence one that fosters genuine human encounter.

1. MAKE YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE ONE OF DIGNITY AND RESPECT
2. BE PRESENT TO OTHERS IN THE REAL AND VIRTUAL WORLDS
3. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS
4. EVERY COMMUNITY SHOULD PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY
5. WE CANNOT LEAVE OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS BEHIND
6. THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS A PLACE TO MAKE THE VIRTUAL REAL
7. WE MUST PROTECT THE PERSONAL DATA OF CITIZENS
8. JOIN THE CALL FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
9. TRUTH AND TRUSTWORTHINESS MUST BE GUARANTEED
10. WE ARE CALLED TO BE CITIZENS OF THE DIGITAL WORLD

More information is available at the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



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.

**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

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.

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

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 November 24 at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK 16-22 SEPTEMBER

Connect with CatholicCare counsellors if you're an individual or family member who is concerned about someone else's gambling; or if you're concerned about your own gambling. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

DAY OF HEALING with

**SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC
SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Centre
19A Quirk Street Rozelle

Sessions Include: What is Healing / Inner Healing / Prayer for Inner Healing / Healing of the Family Tree / The Healing Power of Forgiveness. BYO lunch, Morning and afternoon is provided.

Cost is by donation and registration is essential.

CCR Centre: 9810 2499

Or email msscully@ccrns.org.au



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: Liliane Dubourdieu, Elsie Begley, Bernard Hanlon, Sibylla Madigan, Patricia Anne Richmond, 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 Lagoon, Ted Ryan, Maureen Killbane, Ronald Lovell, Andrew Heather.

Mass Intentions: Judy Petrosian, David DeCarvalho, Jose Diaz, Patrick McDonagh, Carmen Mendez DeCampos, 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, Vinz Napoli, Ford & Adamovich Family, Avery & Roche Family, Margaret & Patricia Dillon, Carmen & Angelina Bellanto, Holy Souls.



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Archdiocese www.sydneycatholic.org

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.

GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

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.*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***Longer form Lk 16:1-13***HOMILY****PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED***Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:***R. Blessed be God for ever.**

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

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

P. Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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 Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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****ENSURING A WELCOME**

In what way exactly was the manager in the parable we hear today 'dishonest'?

We might think that it had to do with what he does with his master's creditors—getting them to write down reduced amounts of what they owe? Yet the master finds fault with the manager *before* he has recourse to this stratagem.

By reducing the amounts owed, the manager was not defrauding his master but stripping away the commission he himself would normally (and legitimately) earn in transacting his master's business. He acts against his own immediate interest to ensure that in the future, when he is out of work and needy, he will have the goodwill of people and a welcome into their homes. He 'buys' their goodwill and, in this respect at least, earns his master's praise.

The parable presupposes the great reversal connected with the coming of the Kingdom as proclaimed by Jesus. In this reversal, 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Luke 1:53). In light of this reversal the steward's behaviour is somehow exemplary. Rogue he may be (a 'child of this world'), but in taking vigorous action in view of a coming crisis, he shows himself 'more shrewd' than 'the children of light'.

With so much more at stake (eternal life), the wealthy among the children of light would be well advised to strip themselves of their wealth now in order to win friends among the poor. When the poor have their privileged places in the Kingdom, these same poor will welcome them into 'eternal dwellings'.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

22 SEPTEMBER 2019

SLAVES OF GOD OR MONEY? The Christian community must contribute to the welfare of the broader human society. We have a duty to pray for civil leaders and to act justly in our places of work. We must do what we can to ensure that the institutions of our society are devoted to the well-being of all citizens. If we ourselves are devoted to God and not to money, we will bring great riches to our society.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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**

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos
The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.****RESP PSALM Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7**

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor. (or Alleluia!)

1. Praise; O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dungheap he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!