

with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

**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. Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and

that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

#### 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 118:49-50

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

##### THE COST OF SELF-ABSORPTION

In the parable about the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus, we should not assume that the rich man was notably wicked. It was more that, absorbed in his comfortable life, he did not notice the poor beggar lying in need at his door. Likewise, we are not told that Lazarus was notably virtuous or deserving. It was his desperate situation that attracted the attention of God.

The action of the story swings upon the notion of a great reversal. The reversal occurs when both mean die and go very different ways. The rich man is carted off to Hades, while Lazarus is gently conveyed (by angels) to the bosom of Abraham. (Such 'destinations' reflect images of the afterlife conventional at the time; the parable does not teach the existence of a fiery hell!)

The point of the story is that, across the change from this life to the next, situations remain fixed. In this life, the rich man's indifference meant that no crumb of comfort passed from his table to the beggar outside; there was no 'crossing over' from one side to another. Now, in the afterlife situation exactly the same fixity prevails—except that now all is reversed.

The problem is not so much the rich man's wealth in itself but the fact that his high living blinded him to the need of a fellow human being, and wider social responsibility.

The opportunity to attend to such obligations though will not last for ever. Ultimately, the parable is about conversion and the difficulty that riches put in its way.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

29 SEPTEMBER 2019

FOR WHAT WE HAVE FAILED TO DO. The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his inactivity towards the poor man. Lazarus was starving and covered in sores, but the rich man did nothing to help him. In the Penitential Act at Mass we ask forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but for the good we have failed to do.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 42, 43

**All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

#### 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.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

#### 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**



#### SECOND READING

1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy  
**Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.**

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

**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!**

#### GOSPEL

Lk 16:19-31

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.**

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself

**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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos  
**You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.**

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

##### RESP PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v. 2

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or R. Alleluia!)**  
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

3. He upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* 'Fight the good fight of the faith'. Strengthened by God's Word, proclaimed and broken for us, we turn to God for the courage to live its message in the Church and in society.

*Reader:* For our Church and our community of Paddington, Edgecliff & Double Bay.

**All: May we respond with courage and conviction to Christ's call to discipleship.**

*Reader:* For the 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:* For the poor in our world.

**All: May our concerns for their needs be reflected in our generous use of time and resources and promotion of justice in the world. May we be moved by the message of the gospel to care for their needs.**

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

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

*Reader:* For those who have died.

**All: May they reach that heavenly place and be truly embraced, as Lazarus was by Abraham.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: God of all consolation you have a special love for the poor. Teach us to have that love and concern and grant what we need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, we pray that you protect migrants on their journey, and that give them your divine protection and shield them from evil. We ask that you open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for those who come in search of refuge, so that we might welcome them as one of our own.

We pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. 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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I recently came across an article which included a quote by Victor Hugo, the famous 19th century French writer who wrote Les Misérables. Hugo wrote, "Life is the flower for which love is the honey; The law of attraction gives stimulus to the instinct to procreate and like a bee instinctively pollinates a flower to create the honey, so too does life use love as the honey for the preservation of the human species."

As I was reflecting on this paragraph alone, it got me thinking about our life as Christians. Our life is not just to live for ourselves, but for others to draw love from us, thus germinating life for others as well. This was what Christ taught us and what Christ did for us, for our eternal salvation.

So, let us, with our love, be life giving to others, as St. Mother Teresa has said,  
"A life not lived for others is not life."  
God bless—Fr Francisco

**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.

### PLENARY COUNCIL: LISTENING & DISCERNMENT

The Plenary Council invites you to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the Themes for Discernment. Learn more and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern" by visiting [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information and resources can be found online at: [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org)

### 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.

### CELEBRATING THE ENTRY OF ST FRANCIS INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please join us at 7pm on Thursday, 3 October at Mary Immaculate Church, 45 Victoria St, Waverley. The 'Transitus' is a moving and sacred liturgy commemorating the death of Francis and his entry into eternal life.

### 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](mailto:office@waverleycatholic.org.au)

### 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](http://www.theword.org.au) or call us on 1800 101 201.



## 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](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:** Anthony Andrew Bolger, Jacintha Stephens, 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.

**Mass Intentions:** David de Carvalho, Judy Petrosian, 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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**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.**