

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: We have been blessed, with the gift of faith, by which we trust God above everything else. Let us pray to the Lord in confidence, trusting in His mercy.

Reader: For our Church.

All: May the Lord increase the faith of all who belong to the Church and deepen their understanding.

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

All: May you lead your Church into a hope filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Reader: For the leaders of the world.

All: May they be open to the influence of the Spirit of compassion and be driven to build a more just society.

Reader: For those parts of our country experiencing drought and other natural disasters.

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

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 and those who mourn their loss.

All: May they find comfort and peace in the perfection of God's love.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Lord, we offer you these prayers, with open hearts and minds, sure in the knowledge you will hear our prayers and answer them with love. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus, and in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Francis Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he lived a lavish and irresponsible life. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life.



He wore ragged old clothes, begged for food and preached peace. He began to attract followers, and in 1209 with the papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). Then in 1212 with St. Clare of Assisi he founded the foundation of the Order of "Poor Ladies," now known as the "Poor Clares." He also founded the "Third Order of Penance" (the Third Order) which included lay people. He was the first person (recorded) to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in 1224. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later.



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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Feast of Guardian Angels, Oct 2nd

Life is a journey, and for we who follow Jesus Christ, it is a journey to the fullness of life, but also a journey of faith. We live our lives and walk in the footsteps of Christ knowing that there is a great mystery surrounding us, but knowing also that we walk by faith and not by sight.

As a small boy in Poland my parents were wonderful role models. Each day we would say morning prayers together. I was taught to be grateful for the coming day and to remember always that my guardian angel would be beside me. I would leave a little space on the chair so that he could sit beside me. This was a beautiful child-like faith which still gives me a sense of joy... and I believe strongly that my Guardian Angel is always with me. — *Fr Piotr*

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

QUICHE & CHARDONNAY -THANK YOU

Thank you to Adam Watson and his dedicated team of helpers who organised Quiche & Chardonnay at St Joseph, Edgecliff last Sunday. The event was a great success. Adam has been responsible for running this popular gathering for well over a decade. We look forward to the next function at St Joseph which will be our annual Christmas party, all from Paddington, Edgecliff & Double Bay are invited. Watch this space for more details.

THANK YOU FROM MARJAN BIKLARIAN

Last Sunday Marjan celebrated her Baptism at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington, followed by a celebration in the Parish Meeting room. Marjan, who was born in Persia, came to our faith after walking past St Francis Church and meeting some parishioners. She would like to thank everyone for their support and for the beautiful celebration. We would also like to congratulate Marjan and welcome her to our faith community. If you know of any adult who is considering the faith please contact the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING

Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World

Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year. We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2019-20 Social Justice Statement, 'Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World'. Speakers will talk about risks posed by social media and digital technologies as well as a general overview of Catholic Social Teaching. We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly! Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All welcome.

WHEN: Saturday 19th October 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

WHERE: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

COST: Free. RSVP: jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8465

LOOKING FOR SUPPORT?

Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provide affordable services for individuals, couples and families. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 for info.

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: 7 November 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.

A MESSAGE FROM RUTH AT THE PARISH OFFICE

I want to share with you some notices from a great charity I have been involved with through my (other/home) Parish at Peakhurst.

After my mum passed away I was at a great loss, I'd spent most of my time for the prior few years caring for her and suddenly life felt very empty (I think many can relate to this feeling). One of the things that really helped me through this period was my parish and being able to volunteer with causes my parish community was involved with. This wasn't just a way to fill the time, it was also a way to experience the good and the love that is God at work in the world in a tangible way.

One of the charities I began to volunteer for is **One Meal**. One Meal provides meals to people experiencing poverty and homelessness throughout Sydney. It is about providing both food and an opportunity for connection, for people to come and share a meal together. One Meal also provides care packages for those in need such as breakfast packs, toiletries, blankets, coats etc. You can read more about this great charity at <http://onemeal.org.au/>.

Please see below two messages from my friend Emma at One Meal regarding help needed for the service they operate at Green Park, opposite St Vincent's hospital:

ONE MEAL – IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Can you spare an hour or two every eight weeks?

We are a charity that operates across Sydney providing hot nutritious meals to the homeless and those doing it tough. We currently run a service every Saturday night at 7pm from Green Park, opposite St Vincent's hospital. Volunteers are co-ordinated by team leaders to cook food at home and bring it to service to feed our patrons. We are currently in need of more generous volunteers to continue to provide this greatly needed service to our community. If you would like to help out or would like some more information, please contact Emma on 0418451276 or emma.williams75@bigpond.com

CARSPACE OR GARAGE NEEDED FOR ONE MEAL VAN

One Meal City Service was very fortunate to have a van donated to us last month. This allows us to transport food, supplies and equipment such as an urn to and from service. We also use the van to carry items such as sleeping bags, blankets and breakfast packs to distribute to our patrons who are sleeping rough.

Now... we need a car space or garage to store the van between services. We're also hoping a permanent home for our van will allow us to expand our city service.

If you have or know of anyone or any business who may have a space to give our van a permanent home somewhere relatively close to our Green Park Service we would LOVE to hear from you. Contact Emma: 0418451276 or emma.williams75@bigpond.com



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 Scarz 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 Debién & 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: Marta Castro-Deramond, Joe Perry, Robert Burns, Irma Soto, Jan Harper, Anthony Andrew Bolger, Jacintha Stephens, Lilliane 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: Sr Jean Montgomery RSC, Ramona Hilliger, Margaret Tighe, Jim Evans, 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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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.

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.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem 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: 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

 Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.

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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

FAITH AND GRATEFUL SERVICE

Today's Gospel falls into two distinct parts.

First, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus' response does not imply that the disciples have no faith. His point seems to be that the little faith they have is enough to work miracles if only they exploited its possibilities to the full.

As so often, Jesus employs everyday images—not without a touch of exaggeration—to drive home the point. On the one hand, a mustard seed is proverbially small. On the other hand, the extensive root system of the mulberry tree makes it notoriously difficult to uproot. Yet a word proceeding from a tiny amount of faith could bring about this effect. It is people of faith who channel God's power into the world.

In the second part of the Gospel we might find off-putting both the image of slavery and, even more, the suggestion that God regards us as 'worthless slaves' who deserve no gratitude whatsoever.

Jesus draws upon an aspect of life familiar to his audience (slavery) without necessarily approving of it. His point is that we should not serve God in the hope of gaining payment or due reward. That would amount to the kind of 'merit' mentality that St Paul, in particular, excluded.

Long before we do any good work ourselves, our faith should make us conscious of the immense benefits we have already received from God. Our Christian service, then, will be an expression of faith and love, motivated by abiding gratitude for all God has done for us.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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DOING OUR DUTY. Advertisements sometimes suggest that our lives should be always fun-filled, exciting and glamorous. For most of the time, however, our lives have a mundane character – doing our daily chores, caring for our loved ones, going to work. By faithfully attending to these tasks, we express our belief that the sacred is present in the ordinary, that our simple acts are precious to God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

 cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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.

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. Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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

 Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;

to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets

to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait,

for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,

but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

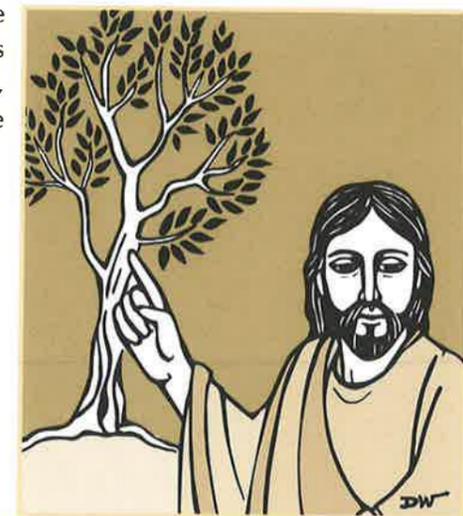
RESP PSALM

 Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. R.



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

SECOND READING

 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

 1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

 Lk 17:5-10

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.