

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Therefore, let us bring our prayers to the Lord, whom we trust will hear and heed our needs.

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

All: May a spirit of servanthood guide us in our worship and work together.

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

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

Reader: For those who administer the law.

All: May a respect for God's justice and mercy inspire their deliberations and decisions.

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

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

Reader: God Ever-New, send your creative spirit upon leaders of the Church.

All: May renewal in the Church encourage young people to be leaders who live the Good News.

Reader: For those who have died, especially those who we have known and loved.

All: May they enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfilment in eternal life.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Lord our God, we proclaim your justice and mercy, finding comfort in Christ who promises peace and with the confidence that our prayers are heard through the power of the Spirit and in Christ's name. Amen.



NATIVITY PLAY Christmas Eve Family Mass St Francis of Assisi (SFA) Church Paddington 5.30pm, Tuesday 24 December 2019

The 2019 Nativity Play needs children aged 4 - 12 years to contribute to the many parts to play in acting out the Gospel. Rehearsals are held on 5 consecutive Sat afternoons, starting Sat 23 Nov through to Sat 21 Dec, from 4:00pm to 5:15pm, inside the Paddington Primary School Hall. Families are encouraged to attend as many of the 5 practices as possible. **Parents** – info flyers with details are located at church entrances.

Sign up your child by completing and returning just the bottom section response form to the Parish Office or email to Maria Hoareau, SFA Play Director/Parishioner
E: maria.hoareau@bigpond.com, M: 0434 514 520

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 20 October 2019 : 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Today's good news calls us to : "pray continually and never lose heart".

Light a candle, sing a song, read a psalm, a minute silence; call it prayer. Get motivated, feel sad, work for peace; call it prayer. Reach out, stand together, never forget, celebrate the good, live the tough; call it prayer.

Ours is a task so great but not greater than who we are called to be; a compassionate people of forgiveness. And the only way that St Francis of Assisi was able to forgive himself, others, the world, God and creation was to take time to sit, to remember, to contemplate; in my language I call it prayer.

The first line of today's Gospel Luke 18, verse 1. "pray continually and never lose heart".

Fr Paul

PARISH NOTICES

A ROOF FOR ST FRANCIS WELFARE

Those of you who attend mass at Paddington will have noticed the scaffolding around the Centre 360 building (St Francis Social Services) and scaffolding inside the church itself. These works are the beginning of repairs and renovations on site to ensure our buildings are maintained for the years to come.

In the coming months works on site will include the new roof for St Francis Welfare, continued treatment of white ants in the Church, repair of the church roof once treatment is complete, construction of the new confessional compliant with safeguarding standards in the Sydney Archdiocese and the upcoming office renovations. Maintaining a site such as ours is an expensive project and we are asking for your help. We welcome donations towards these projects or your ongoing support through our Planned Giving program.

If you would like to donate or to join Planned Giving please contact the Parish Office by emailing giving@stfrancis-stjoseph.com or by calling 9331 4043. Donations towards certain projects may be tax deductible, please let us know if you require a deduction when making your donation.

CHILDRENS LITURGY AT ST FRANCIS

Children's liturgy will not resume until **November** due to lack of volunteers. If you can volunteer please call Ruth: 9331 4043

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS MASS

The Wednesday 9am mass at St Francis will be celebrated as Grandparents & Grandfriends Mass. This will be a children's mass organised by the school. All welcome to attend.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Owing to maintenance work in the St Francis Social Services building there will be no Blessing of the Animals this year. Know, however, that you are welcome to bring your pet for a blessings at any time.

LECTIO DIVINA

There is no Lectio Divina for the month of October. It will resume in the first week of November.

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.

The Parish no longer has a fax number. Rather than sending an email pop in and say G'day!

OTHER NOTICES

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

Franciscan Spirituality & 12 Steps Programme from Richard Rohr's 'BREATHING UNDER WATER' Dialogue facilitated by Colleen O'Byrne ofs at Franciscan Seculars Holy Spirit Fraternity Gathering on Wednesday 23 October 2019

All interested are welcome to join us at 7pm Mass at Star of the Sea Friary 45 Victoria St Waverley 2024 followed at 8pm by Dialogue at Charles Borromeo Centre 45A Victoria Street Waverley. RSVP timothyofs@gmail.com or text 0435 013 733 by 21 October

THE AUSTRALIAN CAMINO : BLUE MOUNTAINS STYLE

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage walk or join in the parish festivities, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY:

Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing
What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick?

These questions will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day at ACU Strathfield 25A Barker Road, Strathfield on Saturday 9 November from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential at: http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days. All are welcome. For more information phone 9701 4751.

CURIOUS ABOUT GAMBLING & GAMBLING RELATED HARM

On 31 October from 5.30 to 6.30pm, CatholicCare will be holding an information session to understand what gambling is, the reasons why people gamble, warning signs, and where to get support. The session will be held at 10A Yurong Parkway, off Boomerang Place, Woolloomooloo (next to the basketball court).

UNDERSTANDING CHANGE, LOSS & GRIEF

Wednesday 23 October 5.30 - 8.30pm, Monday 25 November 5.30 - 8.30pm or Monday 4th November 9am - 12noon at the Polding Centre. This seminar is suited to individuals or teams who wish to help others in grief as well as those who wish to better understand their own grief experiences. To RSVP or for further information, please contact Leonie Duck 0412 497 843 or email Leonied@catholiccemeteries.com.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 Deyce & 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: Eliseo Arnaiz Fernandez, Yvonne Nobbs, Raymond Malkoun, Caterina Giuliano, Marta Castro-Dermond, Joe Perry, Robert Burns, Irma Soto, Jan Harper, Anthony Bolger, Jacintha Stephens, Liliane Dubourdieu, Elsie Begley, Bernard Hanlon, Sibylla Madigan, Patricia Richmond, Patricia Brennan, Ryszard Szewczyk, John Matthews, Kathleen Cronin, Bill Murphy, Valerie Green RSC, Andreas Georgiou, Jerry Austin, Joan Yu, Jack Sierra, Margaret Roche, Bernice Reid, Sheila Stanton, John Deaker, Carmen Duncan.

Mass Intentions: Genowefa Wojciechowska, Madeleine Freeman, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Peter Meagher, Judy & Dennis Petrosian, Virginia Wilkinson RSC, Noleen & George Waldron, Finbarr O'Farrell, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, 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, Bryan Digges, Tony & Beth Hawker, Antoinette Chelala, Norma Berry & Neville, Concepcion Family, Nina & Mary, Non and Papa, Cathy Wu-Hutchins, Tsaouis 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, Vinz Napoli, Ford & Adamovich Family, Avery & Roche Family, 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 SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 OCTOBER 2019

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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.

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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. Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

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 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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

THE PERSISTENT CRY FOR JUSTICE

The parable in the Gospel for today commends praying to God with the kind of persistence shown by the widow in her dealings with the unjust judge. It does not mean that God, unwilling to respond, needs to be worn down like the judge. Rather, it commends an attitude of trust in God that motivates persistence in prayer, even when an answer may seem a long time coming.

In Jesus' society, widows were dependent on the sound working of the justice system since they lacked the support of a husband and possibly that of adult sons. Hence the plight of this woman, whose entreaties the judge so long ignores. As Jesus tells the story, the judge stirs himself on her behalf only when he suspects that she is going to become physically violent. Translated literally, what the judge says is '... lest she come and give me a black eye' (the Greek expression actually comes from the boxing arena).

The force of the parable flows from a kind of contrasting logic. If the unjust judge moves at long last to grant justice to the widow, albeit through base and self-serving motives, how much more readily and certainly will the God of all goodness move to grant justice to those who make appeal day and night?

In a world where the poor, like the widow, cry out for justice, the challenge of the parable is sharp. Those whose actions or inertia allow many to suffer must reckon with a God firmly aligned with the cause of the poor.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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PRAY CONTINUALLY. The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

 Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. R.

2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. R.

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. R.

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. R.



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

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.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.