

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Trusting that our God has an abundance of mercy for all people. Trusting in that compassion and mercy we offer, these, our prayers of petition.

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

All: May we be a place of welcome to all people and grow together in our knowledge and love of Christ.

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 world.

All: May we all respect the splendor of God's creation and care for the world and its people.

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

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

Reader: For our friends and relations who have died.

All: May the risen Christ welcome them into God's Kingdom.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: God whom we trust and Lord of all, we see your hand in everything that is good. Give us eyes of faith to see your face in every member of the human family. May we welcome them as guests among us, just as you will welcome us one day into your eternal dwelling place.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Cana Goodies on sale Next Weekend But what exactly is Cana?

Cana Communities began as De Porres House in 1975 and has continued under the name Cana Communities Inc since 1995. Working in inner-Sydney, the organisation has set up a number of overnight shelters and homes. Since 2011, Cana has operated a Farm at Orchard Hills in the western suburbs of Sydney. At Cana Farm, people have the opportunity to learn and work in a supportive, caring environment. The organisation is mostly run by volunteers, and is solely reliant on donations from the community. Cana Communities receives no government funding, and is grateful for your support.

Who does Cana support?

Our primary purpose is to provide relief from poverty, suffering, destitution and helplessness for people struggling with mental illness, addiction, homelessness, loneliness and other factors that alienate them from society. Central to the life of the Community are those who are most in need and who, through being rejected, powerless or violent, have the least options. These people are our primary focus.

How?

Cana Communities celebrates people. We create a community with all the love, chaos, and frustration of a family, in which people can feel listened to and valued. We provide shelters and homes and a sense of belonging for people in need. We have volunteers who visit men and women in jail. Cana supports those who live on the margins, many who have spent years on the streets and in institutions.

Please show your support by making a purchase.



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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Sunday 3 November 2019 : 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

THE WAY- ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

This year our community is combining with our local Anglican and Uniting Church brothers and sisters to share in a 4 week Advent Scripture Study program in the Lectio Divina style. All material will be provided. I hope that many of you will consider attending. I would also be happy to organise a day session in the St Joseph hall for those who would prefer.

Register your interest with Fr Paul, Fr Francisco or with Ruth at the Parish Office. A light supper will be provided.

21 November: 7pm to 8.30pm - St Georges Anglican Church 245 Glenmore Rd Paddington.

28 November: 7pm to 8.30pm - St Joseph Parish Hall 10 Albert St Edgecliff.

5 December : 7pm to 8.30pm - St Georges Anglican Church 245 Glenmore Rd Paddington.

12 December : 7pm to 8.30pm - St Joseph Parish Hall 12 Albert St Edgecliff.

PARISH NOTICES

UPDATE: REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR BUILDINGS

Thank you for your patience during recent renovations and repairs to our Paddington buildings. We are blessed with beautiful grounds and churches at Paddington and Edgecliff and with that blessing comes the responsibility to ensure their preservation and upkeep so our community can continue to enjoy them for generations to come. The replacement of the roof at Centre 360 is almost complete and the treatment of the white ants at St Francis Church is continuing. We have recently had an independent firm complete thorough building and site inspections for both Edgecliff & Paddington and provide us with a ten year plan to ensure the appropriate maintenance of both sites. In addition to this a specialist has been engaged to inspect St Joseph for white ants and other infestations that could cause harm to the church and buildings there. Along with the importance of preserving our sites we must also ensure our spaces are safe. In the coming weeks there will be work at St Francis to install the new confessional which has been designed to be compliant with safeguarding standards in the Sydney Archdiocese. We will also make appropriate renovations to the Parish Office to make this space welcoming and safe for all. 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: giving@stfrancis-stjoseph.com or calling 9331 4043. Donations may be tax deductible, please let us know if you require a deduction when making your donation.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal is this weekend, donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

NATIVITY PLAY—CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

St Francis of Assisi (SFA) Church Paddington, 5:30pm 24 Dec 2019
The 2019 Nativity Play needs children aged 4 -12 years to contribute to the many parts to play. Rehearsals are held on 5 consecutive Sat afternoons, starting Sat 23 Nov through to Sat 21 Dec, from 4:00pm to 5:15pm. Families are encouraged to attend as many of the 5 practices as possible. Parents: info flyers with details are located at church entrances. Return form to the Parish Office or email maria.hoareau@bigpond.com. Call Maria on 0434 514 520 for more information.

TIME TO CELEBRATE YOUNG AND OLD

When? After the 8:30am mass on 24th November.
Where? Parish Meeting room at St Francis.
We hope to make this a more regular event and invite all participants to join in a cuppa, ice-cream, bikkie or a cold drink. No need to RSVP just come as you are.

Sr Moira O'Sullivan RSC, a member of our Faith Community, has recently published a book which we commend:

A Cause of Trouble? Irish Nuns and English Clerics

This book describes the conflicts between the Sisters of Charity and church authorities in Sydney from 1838-c.1860. Learn more about the early years of the Church in Sydney: How and why they are relevant for the Church today and its present troubles; what they added to the divide between clerics and laity; what they show about clerical attitudes to women, including Caroline Chisholm.

Available only from amazon.com.au

Buy it as a gift for a student or friend or yourself

OTHER NOTICES

SYDNEY STREET FEAST: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Friday November 15 2019 the Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting the Sydney Street Feast in response to Pope Francis' call to celebrate an annual World Day of the Poor. If you would like to volunteer for the day by helping to serve meals and drinks, welcome guests and hopefully share a meal with people who are sleeping rough in Sydney please get in touch with Ruth at the Justice and Peace Office as soon as possible via email: jpointo@sydneycatholic.org. We would need you to be available from 11am to 3pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

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.



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 - Cantor, 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: Patricia Burnett, Eileen Stollery, Frank Healy, Eliseo Arnaiz Fernandez, Yvonne Nobbs, Raymond Malkoun, Caterina Giuliano, Marta Castro-Dermond, Joe Perry, Robert Burns, Irma Soto, Jan Harper, Anthony Bolger, Jacintha Stephens, Lilliane Dubourdieu, Patricia Brennan, Ryszard Szewczyk, John Matthews, Kathleen Cronin, Bill Murphy, Jerry Austin.

During this Month of Holy Souls, all masses will be offered as requested.

We also remember those names in the Book of Remembrance. We invite you to pray this prayer each day at home:

"O Lord of mercy, look down upon all our deceased. Forgive their offenses and be merciful upon their souls, may we all hear you calling us into your Heavenly Kingdom and see you face to face. May we hear those words calling us to your heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. " Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them.



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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.

GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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. May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. 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****THE CHALLENGE OF INCLUSION**

The chief tax collector, Zacchaeus, faces a double barrier in his attempt to see Jesus. He is too small of stature to see over the crowd and, as one who plies a despised and resented occupation, no one is going to make way for him. So, like a curious youngster, he climbs a tree.

It is hard not to see a comic touch when Jesus stands beneath the tree and bids Zacchaeus to come down and be his host that day.

But the tax collector's hospitality to Jesus, while a great joy for him, soon becomes a problem for everyone else. They mutter and murmur: 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house.'

Sinner or not, Zacchaeus declares a policy of extravagant generosity: half of his wealth will go to the poor and anyone defrauded will receive compensation four-fold.

This draws from Jesus a truly memorable declaration: 'Today salvation has come to this house.' What Zacchaeus has experienced amounts to a virtual 'definition' of salvation: the joy of being found by the Lord, conversion of heart, transformation of life, and inclusion within the community ('this man too is a son of Abraham').

But what of the crowd? The inclusion of the tax collector in the community demands conversion of them as well. Are they also transformed? We do not know. Here is where the episode holds out a wider challenge. Salvation is not just about Jesus' kindness to individuals. It has a social dimension as well. Are we comfortable with all whom Jesus wants to include in the community of the Kingdom?

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C**03 NOVEMBER 2019**

ZACCHAEUS, COME DOWN. HURRY. Great wealth had not brought happiness to Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector in prosperous Jericho. Having wandered away from God, he was lost. Then he met Jesus, the rabbi who consorted with sinners; and his life was never to be the same again. We are called to imitate Zacchaeus in his repentance and Jesus in his merciful love.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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.

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 and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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**

Wis 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

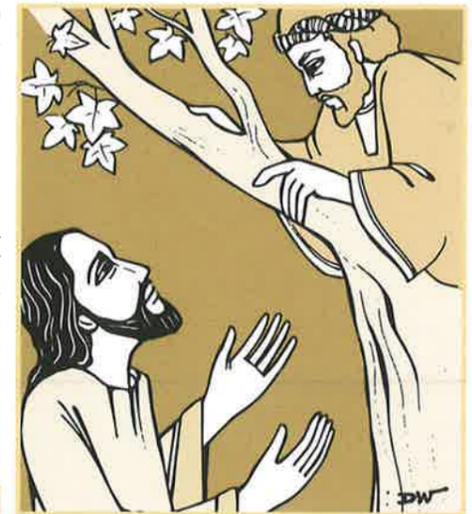
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**



3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Thess 1:11-2:2**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!