

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Today we are reminded that God judges the world with justice. Before the God of supreme mercy we place our needs.

Reader: For our Church.

All: We pray for our Church leaders that they will seek to work for peace and justice, speaking Christ's word of reconciliation and peace.

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

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

Reader: For the world.

All: May the peace of God reign in all human relationships and endeavors.

Reader: For those men and women fighting the bushfires and for those who have lost their livelihoods and homes.

All: May we be of practical support to them in our care, compassion and outreach.

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 all Souls in this month of November, especially those whose names appear in our Book of Remembrance.

All: May the power of the risen Christ, who gave them grace in this life, grant them the reward of his presence in the next.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: We know you hear us, God of compassion. You are present in our world. Help us to build a world of justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cana Goodies on sale This 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.

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
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Hope is not looking at a half-full glass. That is simply optimism. True hope is a gift from Jesus of His very self. His very name is hope. It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. We believe in God and we live in communion with God. God is the God of the living. Without faith, life is a journey to nowhere. With faith, life is a journey to the promised land of eternal life. — Fr Piotr

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND AT ST FRANCIS



Join us for morning tea in the parish house next weekend following the **8:30am mass on Sunday November 24th**. Come have a cuppa, ice-cream, bikkie or a cold drink and get to know your parish community. No need to RSVP just come as you are. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REBECCA DAVIES

Congratulations to Rebecca Davies who was made a Dame Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great for her service through not-for-profit organisations, including as a director of Catholic Healthcare and a board member of the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse and the National Heart Foundation. Rebecca also chairs the 'Repair My House' parish group which aims to address the social justice concerns of our faith community.

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE!

Christmas cards are now available at St Francis & St Joseph. A pack of ten for \$6. At **Paddington** the cards are available at the rear of the church please put the money in the poor box. At **Edgecliff** the cards are available on the bench of the Sacristy and payment should be left in the box beside the cards. All proceeds support the St Vincent de Paul Society.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This week's Children's Liturgy topic is *how to be a good friend to Jesus and to our family and friends*, next week the activity will be the very popular *breadmaking* followed by morning tea after the 8:30am mass—we hope to see many familiar and new faces there. Children's Liturgy is held Sunday's during the 8:30am mass at St Francis Paddington during term time and is aimed at primary school children and younger. It's a lot of fun and all are welcome.

140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FRANCISCANS

Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7pm at Church of Mary Immaculate, 45 Victoria Street Waverley. Music accompaniment: Friar Alessandro, OFM (Voice of Assisi). Followed by light refreshments.

REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR BUILDINGS UPDATE & THANK YOU

A heartfelt and sincere thank you to those who have so kindly donated towards the current building projects in our community, thank you for your contributions towards the repair and maintenance of our parish sites.

The upkeep and ongoing repair of a site such as ours is an expensive project and it is your contributions that allow us to be good custodians of these buildings and grounds so they can be enjoyed as a place of faith and worship for generations to come. The repair to the roof of Centre 360 is now complete, construction of the new confessional is underway and we will soon begin the improvements to the parish center.

If you would like to contribute we welcome donations towards these projects or ongoing support through the Planned Giving program.

If you would like to donate or to join Planned Giving please contact the Parish Office.

EXPERIENCE A TWILIGHT RETREAT

You are invited to share in a formation experience hosted by the Church Hill parish. Fr Michael Whelan will lead the retreat. The theme is **"Recovering the mystical heart of our faith"**. This is a wonderful opportunity during the Advent season to share in nurturing your faith and spirituality with Catholics from local and surrounding parishes in preparation for Christmas.

WHERE: St Patrick's Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St, Church Hill

WHEN: Friday, 5 December 2019

TIME: 5.30pm – 7.00 pm

Please register your interest and attendance by emailing plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org or contact Barbara Perry on 0438 012 964.

7pm conclusion to enable attendance at the Archbishop's Christmas Lights event at 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral

THE WAY- ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Join us for our 2019 advent program. 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. Please register your interest with Fr Paul, Fr Francisco or with Ruth at the Parish Office. A light supper will be provided.

Program dates & locations:

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.

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.

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: 5 December 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
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: John Fordham, William Burton, Ern Holgate, Maurie Moses, Patricia Burnett, Eileen Stollery, Frank Healy, Eliseo Arnaiz Fernandez, Yvonne Nobbs, Raymond Malkoun, Caterina Giuliano, Marta Castro-Deramond, Joe Perry, Robert Burns, Irma Soto, Jan Harper, Anthony Bolger, Liliane Dubourdieu, Patricia Brennan, Ryszard Szewczyk, 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.

'Take care not to be deceived', he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he", and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain

for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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

EVIL WILL NOT HAVE THE LAST WORD

Today's passage from the Gospel of Luke (21:5-19) comes from the discourse on the future that Jesus gives as his days in Jerusalem draw to their climax. In the discourse Jesus looks beyond his own death and resurrection to the time of the Church. In this period the disciples will have their own 'passion' to undergo in the shape of the trials that await them in the long period before the kingdom of God is finally in place.

The disciples will be persecuted and hauled before law courts. Most poignantly, they will suffer division and betrayal among themselves and within their own families.

In all this they should draw comfort from knowing that Jesus has foreseen such trials and placed them within the context of events leading up to the overthrow of evil and the triumph of God at the time of his own return as cosmic Lord.

The time of the Church has extended vastly beyond anything foreseen by the early believers. We retain the doctrine of the 'Second Coming' in our creeds not necessarily because we believe that Jesus will soon appear on the clouds of heaven but because it asserts the eventual triumph of God's rule in the universe.

Until then, all is provisional. Wars, famines and earthquakes continue. Those who work for justice and a more human life for all people face hostility, imprisonment, even death. There will always be grounds for disillusionment and loss of faith. The Lord's encouraging message applies as much to our time as it did to the early generations of believers.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

17 NOVEMBER 2019

THE END IS NOT SO SOON. Members of the early Church expected the Lord to return in glory very soon. Some people even stopped working in the belief that the end was nigh. St Paul, however, urged the members of the community to go on working, quietly earning their food. And in today's Gospel, Jesus stresses that the end is not so soon. We, his followers, will first have to persevere faithfully through many trials.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Jer 29:11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi
The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evildoers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. R.

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. R.

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. R.

SECOND READING 2 Thess 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.



We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 21:5-19

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.

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master', they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'