

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* 'Today you will be with me in Paradise'. The Good News of Christ the King brings us joy and consolation. Strengthened by God's Word, we turn to the Lord for what we need.

*Reader:* For our Church.

**All: That we will show the world through our lives that Jesus truly is the King and Lord of the Universe.**

*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:* 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 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: God of love, we honour Jesus as our ruler. Help us to be his good servants and faithful to his teaching. We ask this through Christ Amen.**

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PADDINGTON

Christ the King weekend - that means shoe boxes - 104 this year!

Shoe boxes are a wonderful Christmas Tradition, with our community coming together to provide gifts for the older folks at Vincentian Village, East Sydney, Ronald Coleman Lodge and all on our communion rounds. Those who would like to participate are given a specific recipient, a list of gift ideas and a shoe box to fill with suitable items for that person. The boxes are wrapped by volunteers and then distributed.

Marion O'Farrell and other helpers will be at all the St Francis of Assisi, Paddington masses this weekend to give out boxes and sign you up for this worthy project.

In the peace prayer of St Francis we are told in giving we receive and in that spirit all are encouraged to collect a shoe box this weekend and join in.

*Paddington is also holding their St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal this weekend. Marion & her helpers will be available to take donations. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.*

**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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Sunday 24th November 2019 : Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The end is nigh, in fact it is this week! The Feast Of Christ the King marks an end of the current liturgical year. We finish the year in the hope of the end of time when the kingdom of Jesus will be established in all its fullness to the ends of the earth. It leads into Advent, when the Church anticipates Christ's coming as a poor helpless babe. Happy and holy new liturgical year. **Fr Paul**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

The Paddington SVDP Society will have their appeal this weekend. Envelopes can be found on the church pews.

### ACCESS TO THE PARISH OFFICE—WE ARE STILL OPEN!

The improvements to the Parish Center are now underway, during the construction period our Office is still open and available however the entrance will be via the courtyard gate. We thank everyone for their patience during the renovation period.

### FAREWELL TO OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LISA NETTING

Farewell to Lisa Netting the assistant principal at St Francis of Assisi Primary. Lisa leaves us after three years with the school and our community. We thank Lisa for all she has given to our community during her time with us including her role as Coordinator of our 2019 Confirmations. We will miss you, Lisa, stay in touch.

### CANA GOODIES ON SALE NOW

We still have a great selection of CANA produce including cakes, jams, olives and pepperberry available for purchase from the Parish Office. These make ideal Christmas gifts and your purchase also supports a good cause. Drop by the Parish Office to purchase.

### THE WAY- ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

It is not too late to join our Advent Program. This year we are 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. 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. All material and a light super will be provided.

Program dates & locations:  
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.

### 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.

### PLANNED GIVING AND DONATIONS TO OUR PROJECTS

A heartfelt and sincere thank you to everyone who has donated to our current projects. If you would like to donate or join our planned giving program please email giving@stfrancis-stjoseph.com, call 9331 4043 or pop in and visit us at the office.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This weeks Children's Liturgy activity is **breadmaking** next week the activity will be **making an advent calendar**. 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

Join us for a Thanksgiving Mass celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the arrival of the Franciscans in Australia.

Tuesday, 3rd December at 7pm

Mary Immaculate, 45 Victoria Street Waverley.

Music accompaniment: Friar Alessandro, OFM (Voice of Assisi).

Followed by light refreshments.

### 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: Thursday, 5 December 2019**

**TIME: 5.30pm – 7.00 pm**

Register your attendance by contacting Barbara Perry on [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org) or 0438 012 964.

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

### LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi, and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi. A wonderful free community event starting Thursday, 5 December with the Opening Night Concert from 7.30pm. Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.

### WALK WITH CHRIST

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in walking with Christ at the annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King this weekend. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on Sunday November 24.

### THE EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, 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. Registration and details at [epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://epiphanypilgrimage.org) and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

### 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 & Francisco Basnayake ofm** - Assistant Priests  
**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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.**

**Recently Deceased:** 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.**

**GOSPEL**

Lk 23:35-43

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.**  
*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations

the gifts of unity and peace.  
 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 OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

*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 28:10-11

**The Lord sits as King for ever.**

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****CHRIST THE KING**

Today's Gospel takes us to the last moments of Jesus' life, as he hangs upon the cross. The mockery he endures from the soldiers and the leaders rests upon a very inadequate understanding of what it means to be Messiah and King. If this man is indeed the 'King of the Jews' as he has been made out to be and as the title above his cross asserts, then he ought to be able to bring the kind of 'salvation' the world understands: above all, his own escape from the death that now lies immediately before him.

While one of the thieves crucified with Jesus joins in the mockery, the other man responds differently. He proclaims Jesus' innocence and simply asks: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom'. His plea acknowledges that Jesus is King but also recognises that his kingship is very different from that worldly authority which the mockery of the others presupposes.

In response Jesus doesn't ask about the man's life or demand repentance; the simple appeal made in faith is all. Hence the majestic assurance: not in some distant future nor even tomorrow but, 'Today, you will be with me in Paradise'.

Salvation is not a matter of being saved from physical death, as the mockery suggests. Nor is it some remote future event. Rather, it is to be with Jesus, the true shepherd King of his people. He has joined us on our human journey, even to the point of death, so that we might join him on his journey to the Kingdom of the Father.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C****24 NOVEMBER 2019**

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: 'this day you will be with me in paradise'. This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Worshipping him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Apoc 5:12; 1:6

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

**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. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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**

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel  
*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM**

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

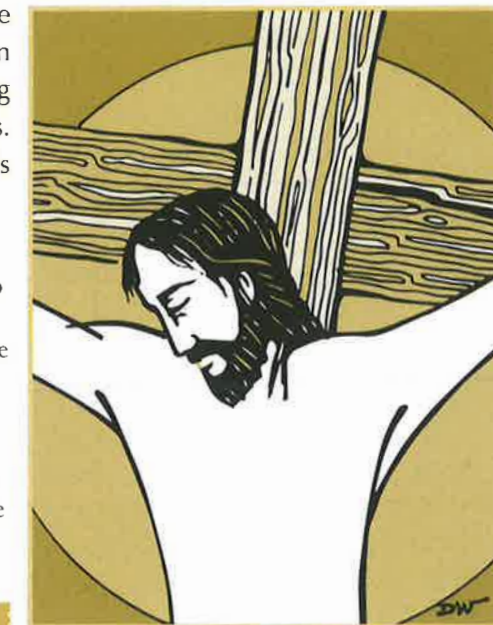
**SECOND READING**

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers — all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!**