

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* Christ our Light has dawned upon the world. In joyful hope, then, let us pray.

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

**All: May our work and worship together reveal God's living presence in our world.**

*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 our world.

**All: May our leaders be enlightened by God's grace, realising that cooperation and respect for each other will be the foundation of justice and peace in our world.**

*Reader:* For those parts of our nation devastated by drought and fire.

**All: May we be of practical support to them in our care, compassion and outreach and may the Lord send abundant rain to nourish our parched land.**

*Reader:* God of love and life, You are good, all good and highest good.

**All: Call generous young women and men to follow the example of Francis and Clare.**

*Reader:* For those who have died in the past year and those who mourn them.

**All: May they live forever in the light of the Risen Messiah.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: Loving God, ever present to your people in everything that is good, hear our prayers. May your peace and justice be the star we follow in our lives journey towards your everlasting Kingdom. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR RAIN

God of compassion,  
we wait and watch for your gift of rain  
to quench the flames, water the soil and make the  
barren land come alive again.

We wait and watch for the gift of salvation  
to free us from hatred, greed and fear  
so that we may live again as people of  
faith, hope and love.

We make this prayer in the name of our Saviour  
who is Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**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 5 January 2020 : Epiphany of the Lord

## A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

Why not make one of your new years resolutions to become more involved with your local faith community?

Our community of Paddington, Edgecliff & Double Bay runs groups and good works for all ranges of age, interest and availability. Contribute by visiting the elderly on our communion rounds or leading our youth through our sacramental programs, children's liturgy and catechism in state schools. Or perhaps you would like to be more involved in the weekend mass services by becoming a greeter or usher or reader? We also offer a range of devotions and other meetings that are listed in our bulletin each week.

Want to become involved?

Call the parish office on 9331 4043 or email [administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com)

## PARISH NOTICES

### A DONATION ON YOUR BEHALF

As part of our commitment to the wider community all money collected on Christmas Day has been donated to the following two organisations:

\$4527 - RFS Rural Fire Service. For use by those brave men and women who volunteer to fight the bush fires.  
\$4527 - WIRES Australian Wildlife Rescue Organisation. For use by volunteers who care for native animals injured and displaced by the bush fires.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office has now fully reopened. While SafeGuarding renovations are being completed entry is via the side garden.

### THANK YOU

To the sacristans, choristers, cleaners, Christmas Characters at the Nativity Play and to this community that was so amazingly generous; thank you for your contributions towards our Christmas celebrations at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington and St Joseph, Edgecliff.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN RECESS

An expanded and improved Children's Liturgy program will return in February 2020.

### ST JOSEPH 7AM TUE DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

With a 5.30pm evening mass permanently in place the 7am Communion Service has been discontinued.

## 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 Rosary Group:** 7:30am and 5:00pm weekdays.

**St Joseph First Thursday Adoration:** Next: 2 January 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.

*In recess till February*

**Christian Meditation:** Saturday 10:30am Saturday at the St Francis Parish Meeting Room. *In recess till February.*

## A call to prayer for those affected by bushfires

We pray for all those who have been affected by the bush fires:

For those who have been injured physically and emotionally, for those who have lost their home and property.

For farmers who have lost stock and pasture, for those who are struggling to find feed and water.

For all involved in fighting the fire, for new strength in the face of exhaustion.

For all who offer support and care at this time: for the generosity of many to those who are struggling.

We are mindful of the days, weeks and months ahead, for dangerous days ahead, for seasons of recovery and rebuilding.

We pray, too, knowing that we are entering a harsher climate, less predictable and more volatile;

As we care for each other, help us to care for your creation, to be worthy stewards and advocates of all which you have made.

Keep us faithful and alert in our praying and our action  
In the name of Jesus Christ, **Amen**

## 1984 The Musical

An exciting new musical comedy: 1984! The Musical! takes Orwell's classic and finds laughter in the darkest places. An all original Australian work presented by one of our very own parishioners.

In a world where "alternative facts," have normalised Doublethink and our phones collect our data and watch us like Telescreens, Orwell's dystopia has never felt closer to home. Equal parts soul-crushing and side-splitting, this is the musical for our times.

Performances: 8-12; 14-19; 21-25 January 2020

Times: Preview Wed 8 Jan 7:30pm; Tues-Sat 7:30pm; Sun 1:00pm & 7:30pm

**Venue: New Theatre 542 King Street Newtown 2042**  
**Pricing: Adult: \$30, Concession: \$25; Groups (20+): \$20, Preview: \$15**

**Tickets: [www.newtheatre.org.au/tickets](http://www.newtheatre.org.au/tickets) 02 9519 3403**

**Event Website:**  
<https://newtheatre.org.au/1984-the-musical>



## 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  
**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:** 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:** Elizabeth Hammond, Michael Rock Dean, John Fordham, Margaret Quade, Norma Castaldi, Adrian Lynch, Danielle Linkson, Wilma Muriel Nesbitt, John Fitzgerald, William Burton, Ern Holgate, Maurie Moses, Patricia Burnett, Eileen Stollery, Frank Healy, Eliseo Arnaiz Fernandez, Yvonne Nobbs, Raymond Malkoun, Caterina Giuliano.

**Mass Intentions:** Shannon Whelan, Kathy Nemeth, Kiernan Family, Avery & Roche Families, William Dikson, Jean Malouf, Maria Satoh, Hector Destro, Concepcion Family, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Hector Barbara, Ray Ghanem, Tom Connelly, Nancy Jordan, Jim Evans, Odete Desa, Vince Munro, Marian Wojciechowski, Krystna Leszczywska, Kim & Raymond Malouf, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Charles & Eddy Piper, Francisco Desa, Casimira Barros, Petyer Meagher, Michael James, Jane Carnel, Maqron Welch, Religious Sisters of Charity, Veronica Simon, Giuliano Family, Anne Conlon, Dayday, Mee-Na Cheok, Herbert Odillo Maher, George Perko, Terry Bostock, Nell Atkinson, Genevieve Scarf, William & Anne Nolan, Duncan Family, Diane McGrath, Nocolasa, Aquino, Daday, Vinz Napoli, Andrew Georgiou, Bellanto Family, Cavazzini & Bagni Family, Gladys Schell, Scott Mitchell, Alan Kennedy, Nan Kelly, Ron Lovell, Genowefa Wojciechowska, Madeleine Freeman, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Peter Meagher, Noeleen & George Waldron, David de Carvalho, Natalie & Domenic Casamento, 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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / A

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come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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. Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*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. Mt 2:2

**We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. 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

### WE WALK IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

The coming of the Wise Men (Magi) from the East to pay homage to Israel's newborn King fulfils the prophet Isaiah's vision (told in the First Reading) of the nations streaming to Jerusalem, to place their riches before God.

Many peoples in the ancient world shared a belief that extraordinary manifestations in the heavens signalled the birth of persons destined to be great leaders. Through the wisdom of their people and their own scientific investigations (astronomy), these wise ones have seen in their eastern homeland a new star. They calculate that the star points to the birth of a 'King of the Jews' destined to be significant for all peoples.

Determined to pay homage, they follow the star to Jerusalem. There they are at a loss until the scriptural wisdom of Israel, related by the chief priests and scribes, points them further to David's city, Bethlehem, where finding the child Jesus with Mary his mother, they do homage and place their gifts before him.

Thus a blend of scriptural revelation and their own cultural wisdom have brought them securely to their goal.

Their coming and their enquiries have caused 'disturbance' in Jerusalem and stirred up Herod's treacherous designs, foreshadowing the Passion. Nevertheless, their coming—aided by the wisdom of their people—and the gifts they bring, foreshadow the cultural diversity of the later Church.

We walk in the footsteps of these wise ones, sharing their longing, their faith, and the joy of their discovery. We bring our own gifts to the Lord, confident that they too will be graciously received.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 19:12

**Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.**

### GREETING

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

**R. Amen.**

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: 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. O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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

Isa 60:1-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 71:1-2, 7-13 R.v.11

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, / to a king's son your justice, / that he may judge your people in justice / and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

2. In his days justice shall flourish / and peace till the moon fails. / He shall rule from sea to sea, / from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts / shall pay him tribute. / The kings of Sheba and Seba / shall bring him gifts. / Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, / all nations shall serve him. **R.**



4. For he shall save the poor when they cry / and the needy who are helpless. / He will have pity on the weak / and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

### SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.**

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*We have come from the East to worship the King.* After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have