

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Jesus Christ, the great Light of God, has dawned upon our world. In joyful hope, then, let us pray.

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

All: May the gospel of Christ be the center of our life together as a Church and a community.

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 our world.

All: May nations and peoples of the world live in peace, working together to protect the dignity and rights of every member of our human family.

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: 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 those who have died.

All: May those who have lived in the light of faith dwell forever in the house of the Lord.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Lord of light, may these prayers we offer together be the first light of your presence in our homes and communities. We offer these prayers to you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

O God,
the wonders of our vast
and rugged land
reflect your beauty,
ever ancient, ever new.
May your blessings flow
upon us
as a stream in the desert,
and may your spirit
prompt us
to use your gifts for the
good of all.
May God who formed our
southern land
be for us a rock of strength.
May God who rules our
southern seas keep us safe
in every storm.
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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Australia, I have to say is like the Promised Land in scripture, rich in natural resources and blessed with beautiful natural landscape which is an envy to many other nations. Hence, today, Sunday 26th of January, as we celebrate Australia Day we give thanks and praise to God for allowing us to benefit from this land which has given us life, wealth and a home to live peacefully. So, as a sign of our gratefulness to God, let us keep in mind the words of our great Australian saint, St. Mary Mackillop, "Love one another and let charity guide you all your life." On behalf of the Parish Priest, Fr. Paul Ghanem and Piotr Rzucidlo, I wish you all Happy Australia Day.
- Fr Francisco

PARISH NOTICES

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

At our 11.00am Mass this (Sunday) morning at St Joseph's, we are celebrating with Sr Sesarina Bau RSC her Golden Jubilee, 50 years as a Sister of Charity. We welcome members of Sesarina's family, her friends and Sisters of Charity to our parish Mass and are delighted to join with them in this wonderful celebration. Our celebrant is Fr Francisco and our guest organist is Ms Christine Moriarty. Special Mass booklets are available at the Church door.

PARISH OFFICE JANUARY OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office has now reopened with entry by side garden gate. In January our office hours are 9:30am to 2:30pm Monday to Friday however may be some changes to these hours due to renovations please check the website www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com or follow us on twitter @stfrancisjoseph for live updates.

ST JOSEPH 7AM TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN RECESS

An expanded and improved Children's Liturgy program will return in February 2020. Do you want to be involved in expanding and improving our children's ministry in 2020? Contact Ruth in the parish office or on 0410 470 678.

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. We also offer a range of devotions and other meetings that are listed in our bulletin each week. Contact: administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com / 9331 4043.

UPDATE ON FR PAUL

Fr Paul has been in Cooma working at the disaster recovery centre and now at Batlow. He thanks everyone for their messages and looks forward to returning to the parish as soon as he is able.

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: 4 February 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

Today, Lord,

We are worried for there are many troubles which so many are facing.

Those facing an uncertain future in the wake of natural disaster, fires, floods and drought.

We are worried for those whose lives might be lost, for those who are prepared to lay down their lives to serve and save others.

We are worried for those whose grief is great, and whose mental health and wellbeing is under threat.

So, trying not to be anxious, we name our worries. We are thankful for your presence and compassion, and that you are at work in the world.

We bring all these people and worries to you in prayer and petition,

looking to your peace which passes all understanding, to guard our hearts and minds in this trying time.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen

OTHER NOTICES

BUSHFIRE RELIEF SUPPLIES COLLECTION CENTRE

Paddington Uniting Church (395 Oxford Street), Saturdays 10am to 4pm. Donated items will be forwarded to Foodbank and other organisations providing emergency relief provisions to bushfire affected individuals and communities.

Items in high demand: bottled water, UHT milk, breakfast cereals, good quality tinned foods & meals (with ring pulls), pasta/rice/noodles, snacks (muesli & protein bars), pet food (cat & dog), toiletries (soap, shampoo, sanitary items). **Please do NOT donate:** perishable foods (fruit, vegetables, bread), clothing & bedding, medicines or razors.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND, THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS

15-16th February A weekend retreat for men aged 18-35. Come away for a couple of days to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Begins 9am Saturday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these particular ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. Cost \$50. Register at vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052.

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 Rzucidlo 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. 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: Rae Collins, James Cummings, Patrick Whooley, Juliet McCormack, Caroline a'Beckett, 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.

Mass Intentions: Anne & George Duncan, Adeline Lee, Sr Mary Hereward, David Roderick, Tino Ordonez, Giuliano Family, Frank & Lena Kaine, Herbert Graham, Francesco Labbozzetta, John Newman, Giuliano Family, Ann Kaine, Dennis Kiernan, Domenico & Nita Casamento, Francesco Labbozzetta, 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, Peter Meagher, Michael James, Jane Carnel, Maqron Welch, Religious Sisters of Charity, Veronica Simon, Anne Conlon, Dayday, Mee-Na Cheok, Herbert Odillo Maher, George Perko, Terry Bostock, Nell Atkinson, Genevieve Scarf, William & Anne Nolan, 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, 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Shorter form: 4: 12-17

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. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE COMING OF A GREAT LIGHT

In today's Gospel Jesus moves back to Galilee to begin his public mission. St Matthew describes his return as the coming of a 'great light' to people who 'sit in darkness and the shadow of death'. Taken from the prophet Isaiah, these words beautifully capture the hope that his appearance and his message have to bring to a darkened world—then and now.

Central to that message is the summons: 'Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. For Jesus, 'repent' means more than sorrow for sin. The Greek word implies a 'change of mind'—not merely in an intellectual sense but in the sense of a wholesale transformation of attitude at a deeply personal level. It means being prepared to let the rule of God ('the kingdom of heaven') rearrange one's life.

In Jesus' day there was a widespread sense that Israel had somehow fallen out of God's hand and lay in helpless bondage to malign influences, chief among them being the oppressive occupation of the land by the Romans. People longed for the restoration of God's 'rule'. Jesus proclaimed the coming of that reign of God. But for him what was central and prior to any political or economic freedom was a transformed relationship with God, a divine reclaiming of the human heart.

And his first action is to call disciples, the nucleus of the later Church. From now on, these fishermen will 'fish for people', 'catching' them for the community of the Kingdom, to be hope and light for the world.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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JESUS, OUR LIGHT. At times we can find ourselves 'walking in darkness.' We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 8:23–9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1, 4,13–14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:10–13,17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 4:12–23

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.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.