

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* God has called us in Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. We make our prayers to him confident he will give us the grace necessary for our Christian mission.

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

**All: May we give witness to the Lamb of God in our community and our world.**

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

**All: May you give us the grace to see your face in one another, and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.**

*Reader:* For our world.

**All: May our leaders work for peace and justice to make a better 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:* Lord of the Universe, you come to us daily in the Eucharist and in the Word.

**All: Help our Franciscan Parish to witness humility and communal care, being open to inviting others to our way of life.**

*Reader:* For those who have died and those who mourn them.

**All: May the light of God's mercy and peace shine upon them.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: Gracious God, you called us to be your light in the world. May we be your faithful witnesses, through the light of your love shining within us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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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In the last couple of weeks, I have been receiving some picture messages with prayers from family and friends in Singapore and Malaysia to pray for rain. One read, "Lord, our almighty God, we ask you to intervene with Your Divine Power the uncontrollable fire situation in Australia. We ask You for rain in the affected areas and we pray that other countries may be able to send their resources to end this crisis. We believe in You, O Lord. Amen." This beautiful prayer message has been forwarded around the world and I thought you might like to know what the whole world is praying for your beloved country. Hence, the respite of rains we are experiencing lately is a sheer testimony of the spiritual power we possess when everyone prays together to make things happen. So, in faith in God, let us never stop praying. God bless.

- Fr Francisco

## PARISH NOTICES

**PARISH OFFICE JANUARY OPENING HOURS & PHONE SYSTEM**  
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](http://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com) or follow us on twitter @stfrancisjoseph for live updates. Be aware we have recently been having issues with our phone system and may not have received voicemails left prior to Thursday last week. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**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. Contribute by visiting the elderly on our communion rounds or leading our youth through our various children's ministries. 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. Contact us: [administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com) or 9331 4043.

**PLENARY COUNCIL**  
Express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese to participate in the plenary council general assembly held in Adelaide in October. Contact Barbara Perry at 0438012964 or [barbara.perry@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:barbara.perry@sydneycatholic.org). All applicants must fill in and submit an application form found here: <https://sydneycatholic.org/plenary-council.pdf>.

**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**

## 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](mailto: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](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:** 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, Yvonne Nobbs.

**Mass Intentions:** 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 Leszczynska, 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, Duncan Family, Diane McGrath, Necolasa, 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, 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.**

**GOSPEL**

Jn 1: 29-34

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.***This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.****THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**R. It is right and just.****PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME***After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**COMMUNION RITE**

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

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

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

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

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said. . .

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

*All exchange a sign of peace***LAMB OF GOD****All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.****Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.****INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

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

Ps 22:5

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. 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****THE LAMB OF RECONCILIATION**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist bears witness to Jesus and clarifies his own role and status.

John may well come 'before' Jesus in terms of arrival on the human scene. But, as the embodiment of God's creative Word (John 1:1-18), Jesus has a priority in eternity completely transcending human history. The One who comes 'after' John actually ranks 'before' him.

There is also difference in what each has to give. John's water baptism is a simple rite of conversion, disposing people for salvation. Jesus is going to 'baptise with the Holy Spirit'.

To understand what this means we have to look forward to the climax of the Gospel. The moment of Jesus' death upon the cross (19:30) is not simply a final expiration of breath. It is also a majestic imparting of the Spirit. The Beloved Disciple, who stands by the cross of Jesus and adopts his Mother as his own, represents all later believers, all who will constitute the later Church.

Because his legs are not broken, Jesus dies as the Paschal Lamb. Two days later, as risen Lord, he will stand among his disciples, breathe upon them and say, 'Receive, the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained' (20:22-23).

In the light of all this we can grasp the full meaning of John's hailing Jesus, as 'the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world'. The Church is being empowered by the Spirit to take up Jesus' ministry of reconciliation and peace with God.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 JANUARY 2020

THE LAMB OF GOD. Jesus is the servant of God who brings salvation to the ends of the earth. He is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He reveals the compassion of God who stoops down to hear the cries of those in distress.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Ps 65:4

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

**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, through my most grievous 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, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

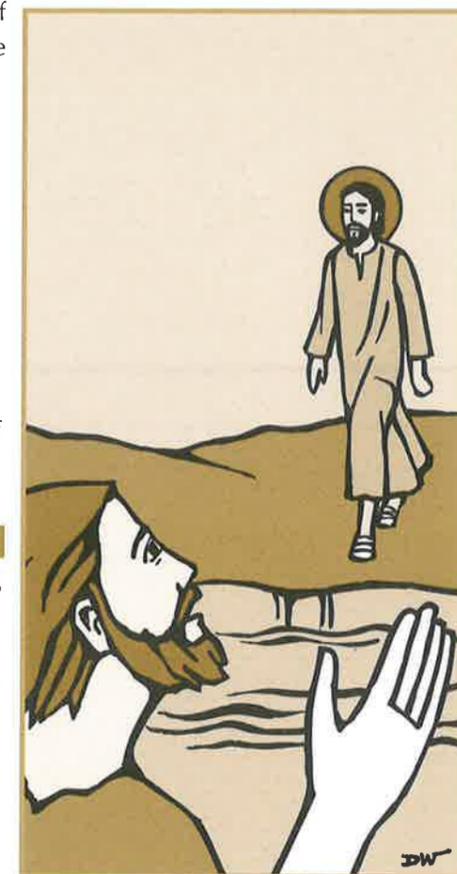
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law

in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 1: 1-3

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

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 1: 14, 12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.**

**He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.**

**Alleluia!**