

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: In Christ Jesus, we have seen the very depth of God's love., As Mary and Joseph humbly presented Jesus in the Temple, let us, too, humbly bring our petitions before our heavenly Father.

Reader: For our Church.

All: May she always be a temple of the Holy Spirit, able to give life to all those with whom she comes into contact.

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

All: May you give us ears to listen humbly to each other, and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Reader: For the world's nations and people.

All: May we be instruments of God's justice and peace.

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 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 those who have died.

All: That Simeon and Anna and all the saints may welcome them into the new Jerusalem.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: God of all people, come and shatter the darkness of our world with the light of your love. May these prayers we offer and our work bring them to fulfilment and bring the light and peace of Christ into our own time and place. We make these prayers to you 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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Sunday 2 February 2020 : The Presentation of the Lord.

As the world is grappling with the widespread of the coronavirus disease, panic and fear has set into many people all over the world. While many countries have taken drastic steps like stopping flights inbound and outbound from the city of Wuhan and quarantining people suspected of been infected by the disease, we cannot ignore the fact we need divine intervention to help in the fight the spreading and eliminating the disease. Hence, let us pray for those who have been infected, those who have died and for our protection against the disease. "The Lord will do the fighting for you; all you need to do is to keep calm" – Ex 14:14, and pray.
- Fr Francisco

PARISH NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK FOR 2020!

Our Children's Liturgy program has returned! Children's Liturgy is a fun and interactive way for our youngest parishioners to engage with and understand the mass and our faith. It is also a great way to get to know other parents with children the same age as yours! This week the kids are making bookmarks, so come along, meet some new people and have some fun. Children's Liturgy runs term time during the Sunday 8:30am mass at St Francis Paddington.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office has now reopened with entry by side garden gate. We are back to our standard opening hours **however there may be some changes to these hours due to renovations** we encourage you to check the website www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com or follow us on twitter [@stfrancisjoseph](https://twitter.com/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.

OUR FRIARS

Fr Paul has been in Cooma working at the disaster recovery centre, Batlow and now Bega. He thanks everyone for their messages and he hopes to be returning to the parish soon. We welcome Fr Piotr home from PNG and Fr Francisco will be away for the next fortnight.

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT GROWING OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT OUR PARISHES?

Our Children's Ministry Group is looking for people who want to join with us to improve our programs for and outreach to families and children in our faith community. This includes our Sacramental Programs, Catechism, Children's Liturgy, Mass celebrations and other projects to engage families and the youngest members of our community. Would you like to be involved? Call Ruth on 93314043 after hours on 0410 470 678.

UPCOMING DEVOTIONS, GROUPS AND MEETINGS

St Francis Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: 5:00pm every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass. *On break for two weeks.*

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. *On break for two weeks.*

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.

EASTFEST IS BACK!

EastFest is back with the nuns from the Amazing race Australia and the Emanuel Worship band from Brisbane. Great Music, stories and getting to know Jesus. Friday 28th Feb at 6pm. Free dinner at 6pm followed by the event at 7pm. The night will finish at 9.15. For more info see @easterndeansydney Instagram, FB OR grab a flyer after mass. Venue: Brigidine college hall. 6 Aeolia St Randwick



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. 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: Yiu Lam Kwan, Gaetano Carone, Faye Anderson, 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 Leszczynska, Kim & Raymond Malouf, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Charles & Eddy Piper, Francisco Desa, Casimira Barros, Peter Meagher, Michael James, Jane Carnel, Maqrion 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, Necolasa, 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.

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, / just as you promised; / because my eyes have seen the salvation / which you have prepared for all the nations to see, / a light to enlighten the pagans / and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 2: 22-32

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

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. 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 THE PRESENTATION 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

 Lk 2:30–31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us,

and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. 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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

According to the Jewish law (Exodus 13:1; 13:11-16), all first-born males, animal and human, belonged to the Lord and had to be 'redeemed,' that is, bought back from the Lord through a sum paid to the Temple. Accordingly, as told in the Gospel, Mary and Joseph bring their first-born Child to the Temple to 'buy' him back from God with the simple offering prescribed for the poor.

Led by the Spirit, however, the holy old man Simeon recognises in the child, One who belongs to God in a unique way: one who is, in fact, the supreme gift of God to Israel and to the world as a whole.

Simeon has longed for this moment. He will not live to see the salvation that the child will bring. But he can 'depart in peace'. He knows that the God who is fulfilling the ancient promises to his people, will also be faithful to him.

Simeon is thus the patron of the elderly who do not fret or worry about how their life has gone but simply entrust it to the mercy and faithfulness of God who understands, forgives, and heals all things.

A word for Mary too. She too will have to let go of her child, surrender him to the difficult messianic role that lies before him. Conflict and pain will not be absent, neither from her nor from him. In this too she is the patron of all mothers—all parents in fact—who must surrender the children they have nurtured to the adult lives that lie before them.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / A

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A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE NATIONS. Forty days have passed since the feast of Christmas. We have long since taken down our Christmas decorations with their multi-coloured lights. But hopefully the light of Christ continues to shine brightly among us. The candles we use in liturgy remind us that Christ is our light and that we, in turn, are called to reflect this light to others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 47:10–11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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

Glorify 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, / 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, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple

in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Mal 3:1–4

A reading from the prophet Malachi
The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 23:7–10. R. v. 8

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads; / grow higher, ancient doors. / Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

2. Who is the king of glory? / The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, / the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

3. O gates, lift high your heads; / grow higher, ancient doors. / Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

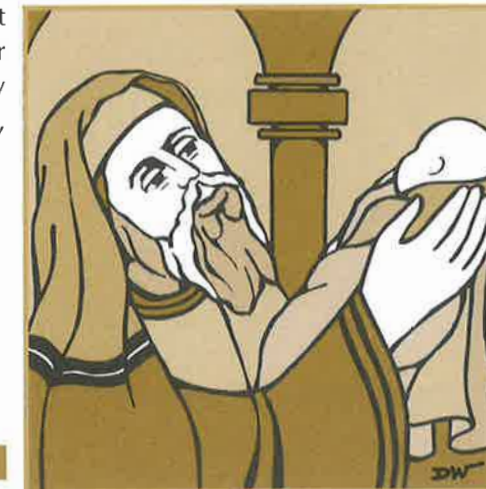
4. Who is he, the king of glory? / He, the Lord or armies, / he is the king of glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 2:14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For



it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

 Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the light of revelation to the nations, / and the glory of your people, Israel. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

 Lk 2:22–40

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.

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said: