

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: My brothers and sisters, gathered together in the name of Christ, we ask God for all the graces which will make us the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Reader: For the leaders of our Church.

All: May they be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and great examples in their faithfulness to God for all of us to follow.

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 the world.

All: May the bread which comes from God's creation and is the work of human hands be shared equally and fairly.

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.

All: May their sins be forgiven and may walk forever in the light of the Risen Christ.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Gracious God, hear the prayers we have brought before you this day. Help us to be more mindful of our blessings and increase our willingness to share them with those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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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Lord, I open myself to the gifts of humility, simplicity and sincerity. Help me to see each of them as a precious gift that You wish to bestow upon me. May my mind comprehend them and my will embrace them. Jesus, I trust in You.

PARISH NOTICES

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed. 4th March 2020. 7.30 - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic - and year's theme: "20/20 Vision - towards the future" Speakers: Professor Jennifer Burn, Director of Anti-Slavery Australia, UTS & Interim Anti-Slavery Commissioner & Fr Daniel Dries, Rector of Christ Church St Laurence. Donation Entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

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.

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.

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.*

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.



OTHER NOTICES

BUSHFIRE CRISIS & LAUDATO SI MEETING

We are a nation in mourning. The bushfire emergency has taken the lives of 33 people and over a billion animals, it has destroyed over 3000 homes and farms, feed and the futures of many Australian families. And the fire season still has months to go. We are all struggling to make sense of this unprecedented calamity. It is in solidarity with each other and this poor burnt country that we come together as a community and reflect on this in light of the beautiful Papal encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home. The title is taken from the first line of the encyclical, "Laudato si', mi Signore," or "Praise be to you, my Lord." In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi we are reminded that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. The encyclical provides an analysis of human life and its three intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth: Everyone is invited to join the Justice and Peace Office, Pacific Calling Partners and a number of other speakers to reflect on these extraordinary times, to ask what Laudato Si has to offer in hope and strength and faith, and finally, what we are called to do as stewards of this extraordinary country.
WHAT: Laudato Si and the bushfire emergency - what it means and what we are willing to do in response.
WHEN: Thursday 13 February, 2020, 6-7.30pm
WHERE: Level 8, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
WHO: Fr Peter Smith, Promotor of Justice and Peace, Felicity Wade, Pacific Calling Partners, a member of the RFS, other speakers to be confirmed. RSVP jpointo@sydneycatholic.org or 0400 925 217

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.

MASS TO LAUNCH THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, EILEEN O'CONNOR

The co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor has taken a major step forward to becoming Australia's second saint after the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP called on Catholics to submit evidence to support Eileen's cause for canonisation. You are invited to a Mass which will officially launch the cause. Thursday 20 February at St Mary's Cathedral. 5:30pm Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP All Welcome.

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: Lois Squadrito, 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.

Mass Intentions: Aquino Lanojan, Kevin & Ann Nicey, Ian Stewart, Andrew Georgiou, Nancy Jordon, 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 Leszczywska, Kim & Raymond Malouf, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Charles & Eddy Piper, Francisco Desa, Casimira Barros, Peter Meagher, Michael James, Jane Carnel, Maqrin 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, Nicolasa, Aquino, Daday, Vinz Napoli, Bellanto Family, Cavazzini & Bagni Family, Gladys Schell, Scott Mitchell, Alan Kennedy, Nan Kelly, Ron Lovell, 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 Gadgal people of the Eora Nation.

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

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.*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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. O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life.

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 cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.

R. Thanks be to God.**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****BE SALT AND LIGHT**

To appreciate what Jesus has in mind in the images of 'salt' and 'light' we need to recall the setting of the sermon that continues in the Gospel for today. Jesus is addressing his disciples in the presence of a great crowd of burdened and afflicted people gathered on the plain below (Matt 4:23-25).

In the opening words of the sermon Jesus called 'blessed' people prepared to live in the vulnerable, non-grasping ways listed in the nine beatitudes. Now it becomes clear that they thereby become a blessing not just for themselves but for the burdened mass of humanity as well. As those who really lift other people's burdens, they become and remain the 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world'.

Salt can hardly 'lose its taste'. Nevertheless, if it is contaminated and so (in the days before refrigeration) rendered useless for preservation, it is only good for salting the path outside the house, where it will be trampled underfoot. Disciples who fall away from their vocation may face a similar fate.

Jesus' comments in relation to 'light' fall into two parts. First, in biblical tradition Jerusalem was the archetypal 'city built on a hilltop'. When the Temple was illuminated at night, Jerusalem could well be described as 'the light of the world'.

Secondly—and more mundanely—one does not go to the trouble of lighting a lamp and then hiding it.

So we are to be like lamps kindled by God. Schooled by Jesus, our good works are to give light and hope in a darkened world.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor;
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then your light will shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

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

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!