

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Prsider: In Christ every spiritual blessing is open to us. Grateful for salvation, we now pray for all the needs of God's people.

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

All: **May our work at home and in the world show others that we live the Christian command of loving our neighbour.**

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 the world.

All: **May we listen to God's voice calling us to eradicate conflict and division.**

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: For all those affected by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

All: **May the Lord sustain and renew those working towards a cure and may it bring a renewed worldwide compassion for those suffering from its' affects.**

Reader: For those who have died.

All: **May the Lord who is kind and merciful grant them eternal life.**

Prsider: Let us pray together.

All: **Generous and bountiful God, trusting in your great love for each of us, we place these prayers before you in the name of Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**



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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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The old law about taking 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' was never meant to be a justification for excessive violence. It started out as a law limiting violence – take no more than a tooth for a tooth – because people were ready and willing to kill someone over a broken tooth. Jesus put a stop to that. To return violence for violence only continues its cycle, and it justifies violence instead of non-violence when settling conflicts.

-] Why is the command 'Love your enemies' hard to follow?
-] Why is our culture so familiar with methods of violence, yet so ignorant of methods of non-violent conflict resolution?
-] When it comes to choosing between violent and nonviolent methods, does gender make any difference? If so, why? If not, why not?
-] What do you think might end the cycle of violence?

PARISH NOTICES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LENTEN PROGRAM FROM 1ST MARCH

Come join us at Children's Liturgy during lent and take part in our Lenten program for the youngest members of our community!

From next week (1st March) will be planting sunflowers and each week we will come back to nurture them and watch them grow bigger and stronger (as well as take part in other fun activities)! After Easter each child will take their plant home to keep. Children's Liturgy runs during the Sunday 8:30am mass at St Francis, Paddington—we have lots of fun and all are welcome.

HOLY WEEK AT ST FRANCIS

Are you a reader or EMOHC at Edgecliff, Paddington or Double Bay? If you would like to participate during Holy Week at St Francis, Paddington please contact Marie Freyne on 0412 418 915 or at mariefreyne@hotmail.com

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. Follow us on Twitter: @spiritinthepub

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS

How often it is that I forget to say "thanks" to someone who has done an extraordinary job. With this in mind I say a big parish 'thank you' to Kate Roche for the invaluable years she spent as a catechist.—Fr Paul.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS INTO KINDERGARDEN 2021 OPEN DAY

Date: **Friday, 6 March 2020** Time: **9:30am to 11:00am**
Enrolment packs are now available from the Office and will be accepted from our Open Day. Please do not hesitate to contact Christine Hart on 9331-5507 if you have any further questions.

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: 5 March 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. Resumes 5 March.

Christian Meditation: Saturday 10:30am Saturday at the St Francis Parish Meeting Room.



Project Compassion Sunday 23rd February 2020

Please take home a set of Project Compassion box donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further Together". Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives

OTHER NOTICES

RECEPTION OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus in communion from the chalice as well as in the host, while a more complete sign of communion, is not necessary in order to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace, since each form alone is the complete reality of Jesus Christ. Therefore it is not essential that parishioners receive from the chalice.

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE REUNION MASS AND LUNCH

Sunday 1 March 2020. St Clare's College Chapel and San Damiano Hall, 41-51 Carrington Road, Waverley.

Mass will begin at 11:30am in the College Chapel followed by drinks in the convent garden, then lunch in the San Damiano Hall.

Cost \$30 per person : includes buffet and drinks. RSVP by Wed 26 Feb to: julia.lynn@travelcounsellors.com.au

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer

Date: Friday 6th March, 9.30 for 10am start.

Venue: St Stephens Church,
1 Bellevue Park Road Bellevue Hill

The country: Zimbabwe The project: Aid for mothers supporting family members with disabilities.

The community of St Stephens are looking forward to presenting the service in support of Zimbabweans remembering Jesus' words to the paralysed man; 'Rise! Take your mat and rise!'

We, at St Francis and St Joseph, are warmly invited to attend.



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: A. O'Sullivan, Peter McMurray, 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: Katharina & Manfred Lemech Conley Family Intentions, ohn Kelly, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, 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, Hector Barbara, Ray Ghanem, Tom Connelly, Nancy Jordan, Jim Evans, Odete Des, Vince Munro, Marian Wojciechowski, Krystna Leszczywska, Kim & Raymond Malouf, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Charles & Eddy Piper, Francisco Des, 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, Holy Souls.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 26th
February

7.00am - Edgecliff.
9.00am - Paddington
with St Francis Primary School
5.30pm - Edgecliff
7.00pm - Paddington Sung Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Edgecliff - Thursdays at 5pm. Starting 5 March.

Paddington - Wednesdays 9.30am with St Francis Primary School. Starting 4 March.

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.



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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.

him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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.

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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. As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty 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: 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 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. 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

'BE PERFECT AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT'

Jesus' reinterpretation of the Jewish law (Torah) in today's Gospel focuses upon retaliation and love of enemies.

In the tribal situation of early Israel, where institutions of justice were barely established, the law of strict reciprocity in regard to injury ('an eye for an eye', etc.) sought to contain and limit the spiral of violence—to bring 'pay back' to a closure that all parties would recognise as fair.

Jesus, however, commends a readiness to disarm violence by being prepared to accept double what the perpetrator requires. This may be unrealistic on the level of society as a whole where evil and evildoers must be resisted and restrained. If, in the face of injury and unreasonable demand, disciples of Jesus, on an individual or small group level (as, for example, in Christian non-violent protest), do adopt such a stance, their freedom to do so will stem from consciousness of the far greater generosity they have themselves received from God.

Likewise, Jesus resists the general human tendency to hate one's enemies in the name of the disposition and action of God, whose 'children' his disciples know themselves to be. They will truly show themselves God's children if they reflect the divine action in this radical way.

In conclusion, Jesus offers a definition of what it means to be 'perfect': 'You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.' The stress here falls upon the little word 'as': perfection means acting towards others, including one's enemies, as the Creator acts towards all, good and bad alike.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

23 FEBRUARY 2020

BE HOLY! The word 'holy' can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and, perhaps, cut off from everyday earthly realities. Today's readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God's gift. We are a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 12:6
O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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

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. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. 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 Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. R.

2. It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. R.
3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. R.

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living



among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:38-48

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.

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer