

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: As we are led into the desert may we see the temptations of this world as opportunities to turn towards the Light that points us in the direction of the Resurrection.

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

All: That this Lent may be a time of reconciliation within our families, our parish and our 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 the world.

All: May governments and leaders be committed to the justice and mercy of God, working for the alleviation of hunger and misery in our world.

Reader: For all those affected by the outbreak of the 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 they be reborn in the eternal life of the victorious Christ.

Presider: Let us pray together.

All: Lord, hear the prayers we offer you during these holy days of Lent. May we commit ourselves to making these prayers a reality through the actions of our every day life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Sin

The Greek word translated as 'sin' in the New Testament literally means 'miss the mark'. Its origin may lie in archery where the object was always to hit the mark; to miss the mark was to not achieve at one's best. Jesus set about trying to redefine the Jewish notion of sin from being a transgression against God that deserves punishment to the more compassionate idea that sin is a wandering off course that can be rectified – a missing of the mark. When he encountered someone who was missing the mark, Jesus called them back into right relationship.

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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Have you thought? – An invitation ... Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season. So, why do we fast? The testing and temptation of Jesus echoes the plight of the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert for forty years. They relied on God to provide them with food and protection and ultimately lead them into the land that was promised to them. We fast that we may learn to trust in God alone.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LENTEN PROGRAM STARTS THIS WEEK

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

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Edgecliff - Thursdays at 5pm. Starting 5 March.
Paddington - Wednesdays 9.30am with St Francis Primary School. Starting 4 March.

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.



First Sunday of Lent 1st May 2020

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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.

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 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: Junior, baby of Jono Allatt & Sarah MacMahon, Tim Chew, Cathy O'Connor, 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.

Mass Intentions: Joyce Vingwall, Vinz Napoli, Caterina Maiurana, Judy Petrosian, Margaret McCaffrey, Valerie McPhee, Susan Griffith, Katharina & Manfred Lemech Conley Family Intentions, John Kelly, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Aquino Lanogan, Kevin & Ann Nicey, Ian Stewart, Andrew Georgiou, Nancy Jordan, 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, 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 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, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

01 MARCH 2020

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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 OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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

TRUST UNDER TEST

Both Scripture and the lives of the saints suggest that when people are called by God for some purpose they soon go through a period of test. In hearing and following God's call they may experience a great sense of affirmation and freedom. But then comes a 'desert' experience, often prolonged, in which they learn far more deeply what it is to be a human being in close relationship to God. Stripped of the usual props and comforts, and with all illusions unmasked, they come to feel their own human powerlessness and utter dependence upon God. Only so can they become effective instruments and channels of God's grace in the world.

Each of the first three Evangelists portrays Jesus undergoing such an experience of test following his baptismal reception of the Spirit.

Matthew's account has strong echoes of the experience of Israel recorded in Deuteronomy, chapters 6-8. During their forty-year wandering in the desert the people could expect God to give them food (the *manna*), protection from enemies, and eventual entrance into the Promised Land. But they were not to put God to the test by trying to force the divine hand.

The three temptations put to Jesus all contrive to get to him to do precisely this: force God's hand in these same areas: food, protection, and possession of the land (understood now as involving lordship of the entire world). Dismissing each suggestion with a word from Scripture, Jesus sets the direction of his life irrevocably. He will carry out his messianic task in complete trust, obedience and unselfish love.

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A TIME OF PREPARATION. The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis
Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. My offences truly I know them; / my sin is always before me. / Against you, you alone have I sinned; / what is evil in your sight I have done. R.

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.



4. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me. / O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / No one lives on bread alone, / but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

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.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.