

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* Peter exclaimed on the mountain, "Lord, how good that we are here!" Confident of Christ's presence among us today, let us pray for His gifts of healing and transformation.

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

**All: As God's good people may we continue to listen to the voice of Jesus and be a blessing to our world.**

*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.

**All: May you send your Spirit upon the leaders of our troubled world, opening them to the wisdom of a life based on love.**

*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 come to the mountain of God's glory.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: Loving God, hear the prayers we bring before you. May your Spirit of love and peace transfigure us and our world into the image of Jesus, the risen Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. Amen.**



Second Sunday of Lent: 8th May 2020



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413.**

**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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Sunday 8 March 2020 : 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

### From Fr Francisco,

With the coronavirus outbreak spreading across the globe, we are given a call to take our spiritual life more seriously.

While we pray and ask for God's mercy and grace for our protection and strength, for those affected by the virus and for an end to this epidemic, our faith during this season of Lent calls us to grow ever more closer to Jesus through self-denial, sacrificial giving, fasting and fervent prayer.

So, let us all join in the Lenten Journey by allowing 'God to be God' through our daily prayers and abstinence of worldly materialism during this sacred season.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### PARISH NOTICES

#### 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](mailto:mariefreyne@hotmail.com)

#### ADVICE FROM THE ACBC

As a precautionary response to the coronavirus the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has made the following recommendations. 1) Holy Water is to be temporarily removed from the stoups. 2) For the Sign of Peace individuals are encouraged to offer a smile, wave, nod or bow. 3) The preferred way to receive communion is reverently in the hand.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Thanks to all who joined us at Children's Liturgy last week and to our fantastic gardeners for the planting of our beautiful sunflowers. Fr Paul has been carefully tending to your plants and we hope you will come each Sunday to check on their progress during Children's Liturgy.

**Children's Liturgy runs during the Sunday 8:30am mass at St Francis, Paddington—we have lots of fun and all are welcome.**

### OTHER NOTICES

#### Y-FACTOR: ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP

If you are currently in Yrs 7-12, come have the time of your life these Easter school holidays with tons of friends you haven't met yet! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussion, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith and relationship with God. This camp is so big, we can only run it once a year so get on board now! From April 14 to 17 at Elanora Heights (chartered bus from a central location in Sydney will be organised). Find out more at [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor) or call Elizabeth on (02) 9307 8152 or e-mail [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

#### ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY MASS

Tuesday 17th March at 10:30am, St Mary's Cathedral. All welcome.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 (PARISH BASED) FIRST RECONCILIATION

Friday 22nd May 2020, 630pm  
St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

**Registration for First Reconciliation is now open. The program begins with a mandatory information session for parents/carers and candidates on Thursday 2 April at 6pm.** Candidates should be in Year 2 or above and baptised in the Catholic tradition. Details of all prerequisites and enrolment forms area available in the church, on the parish website at [www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com](http://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com) or by contacting the Parish Office. Please return forms by Friday 27 March. For more information or to discuss the specific needs of your child and your family contact Ruth at the Parish Office on 9331 4043 or email [sacramental@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:sacramental@stfrancis-stjoseph.com).

*Please note, if your child attends St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School they will be part of the School Based Program. The school will advise all dates & times and provide enrolment forms. Children in the School Based program are not required to attend the information night on 2nd April.*

### 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: 5 March at 5:00pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm in the church at Edgecliff.

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

### 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  
**Ruth Rucidlo ofm & Francisco Basnayake ofm** - Assistant Priests  
**Ruth Rawlinson** - Parish Manager  
**Tanith Bryce** - Cantor, Edgecliff  
**Pamina Milenkovic** - Organist, 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 homeless and defence force personnel.**

**Recently Deceased:** Winifred Simshower, Nancy Rickard, 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 Dingwall, 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 Lanojan, 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, Magrion 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.**

shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults

and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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 2ND 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

Traditionally the Gospel of the Second Sunday in Lent each year features the mysterious episode of the Transfiguration.

In biblical imagery whiteness signals closeness to God and God's heavenly court. In this scene the presence of two figures, Moses and Elijah, known from the biblical record to be enjoying heavenly existence, confirms this impression. The three privileged disciples glimpse for a moment Jesus' divinity unveiled.

Shortly before this episode he had made clear to them his destiny to suffer and be killed in Jerusalem (16:21), a revelation which they simply could not square with their knowledge of him to be 'the Messiah, the Son of God'. Now his transformation and the pronouncement from on high confirms with divine authority that these two truths must be held together: Jesus is God's beloved Son and he is, as he has said, going up to Jerusalem to fulfil his messianic vocation in this extremely costly way.

The disciples (specifically Peter) want to 'hold' the moment of glory ('Let us build three tents'). But there are to be no 'short cuts' to glory of this kind. The Messiah who came, 'not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (20:28), will enter into the pain and suffering of the world to heal it from within. In this he will be no less God's Son than in the moment of glory.

It is with this deepened sense of Jesus' identity and mission that we are invited to continue with him our Lenten journey to Jerusalem.

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

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OASES ON THE JOURNEY. As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way – moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

### COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.



All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

**RESP PSALM** Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. R.

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. R.

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. R.

#### SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy –

not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

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.

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face