

## CONTACTING US THROUGH COMING WEEKS

In line with the regulations and advice issued by the Australian Government The Parish Office is currently **closed**. There is no physical access to the office and limited response to calls and emails during this time.

If you would like to speak to the Parish Team or the Friars phone or email us as usual.

For general enquiries please call us on the office number at **9331 4043** please use this number or our email **administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com**

If you need to contact us urgently you can also contact Fr Paul on 0408 163 257 or Ruth on 0410 470 678

## COMING TOGETHER DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

It is important to maintain our sense of community and connection during this period. With many of our regular programs and groups on hiatus and with some in our community unable to attend mass we must look for new ways to maintain our connections and support one another. We are looking for people to volunteer to help the elderly, vulnerable or those unable to leave their home by making regular phone calls to check in and have a chat. If you are interested in offering your support in this way please call Ruth on 9331 4043 or send an email to **administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 (PARISH BASED) POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Following advice from the Sydney Archdiocese our Sacramental Program for 2020 is now on hold.

We are unable to provide revised dates at this time however we will stay in contact with all families who have returned First Reconciliation forms regarding when the program can resume and we will communicate new dates as they become available. If you have any questions about the Sacramental Program please call Ruth on 0410 470 678. If you are interested in receiving materials for home study please also let us know.

## RESOURCES

Please find below resources available while we are unable to celebrate mass in person.

### Mass Live Streamed from St Mary's Cathedral

[www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/](http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/)

### Prayer Resources from the Sydney Archdiocese

[www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/)

### General Information & Updates from the Sydney Archdiocese

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>

**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  
In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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Sunday 29 March 2020 : 5th Sunday of Lent Year A

## CALL TO PRAY THROUGH OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has urged the faithful to pray through Our Lady of Lourdes for victims of the new coronavirus and those most at risk of contracting the disease.

"The Holy Father has called on the Church at this time to pray and fast for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic that has now killed thousands, is so disrupting lives and economies, and has closed even St Peter's [Basilica] in Rome," the archbishop said before the Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 15 March.

"We pray for the victims and their families, for health workers, and for the safety of those most at risk.

"As the government ramps up precautionary measures, we are likely to face various restrictions on the life of worship, but the Church is determined to play its part in keeping people safe and bringing them healthcare and pastoral care of the sick".

The Archdiocese of Sydney on 13 March published its guidelines for coronavirus precautions on a dedicated page on its website [sydneycatholic.org](http://sydneycatholic.org). It will update the guidelines as new information becomes available.

Please click on the image below to download the **Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher to the Clergy & Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney dated 23 March 2020**



Speaking the truth in love  
Eph 4:15

Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney regarding the latest restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic  
23 March 2020

Dear brothers in ministry and brothers and sisters in Christ

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all in this time of pandemic.

As priests bid farewell to parishioners today there have been tears and bewilderment. Please assure your people that even as the Church cooperates with public health authorities to ensure the safety of all, we will do our best to keep in touch and maintain (even increase) our prayer on behalf of all, our healthcare, education and welfare services, and especially our pastoral care. I truly believe this is the time for us to shine as a Church.

Suspension of all public Masses and communal devotions from 12noon

It is with heavy heart that I announce that following the new commonwealth and state restrictions on public places, all public Masses and other communal devotions, whether inside churches or outdoors, are suspended in the Archdiocese from Sydney from 12noon until further notice. From now on our focus must be on helping people find ways to pray and nurture their faith from home.

As you know, we have done our best to maintain the availability of the Mass for as long as possible. But as I noted in my pastoral letter of 18 March, the Church in Australia was founded at a time when the Mass could not be celebrated on these shores. Following the most recent advice from the commonwealth and state governments it may seem that we are again in that situation. But where our forefathers and mothers waited for years to receive the Holy Eucharist, it will be at worst a matter of months for us. Just as prayer sustained them through those times, so can it for us today. The spirit of those first Australian Catholics should inspire us through the times ahead.

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## Download our Weekly Children's Bulletin Below

If you are looking for additional activities to do with your kids at home during this period of social distancing send us an email at [administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:administration@stfrancis-stjoseph.com)—we can send you age appropriate materials from our Catechist and Sacramental programs to enjoy together.

Sunday 29 March 2020  
John 11:1-45  
5th Sunday of Lent

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

**LOOK** IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus hears that his friend Lazarus has died. Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary are sad and think that Jesus could have made Lazarus better if he had come sooner. Jesus is very sad too and goes to the tomb where Lazarus' body is. Jesus prays to Father God and calls to Lazarus. Amazingly, Lazarus comes out of the tomb – alive!

**HOORAY FOR JESUS**

Help Jesus find his way to Bethany, where his friends Mary and Martha are waiting for him. Draw a path by using the name of Jesus' friend, Lazarus.

Start at L and colour the circles with the letters that make "Lazarus".

**Spot the difference**

Can you find differences between Martha and Mary? 5

**All in a muddle**

This sentence is about today's story, but each word has been muddled up.

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**Bring Lazarus to life**

Jesus gave Lazarus life. Bring Lazarus to life here by completing the picture.

Copy what the artist has done on one side to show Lazarus, risen from the dead.

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Dear Jesus, we know you want us to always feel alive. Help us to love you with our whole hearts and to feel full of life and joy. Amen.



**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  
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—In Recess

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—In Recess

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

Child sexual 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*: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or 93905810. 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:** Jim Evans, Jean Groves, Karl Hallenan, David Barrett, Clare Carter, Winifred Simshouser, 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.

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Jean Groves, Judy Debien, Mary Di Bello, Karen Tighe, John McCue, Joyce Dingwall, Vinz Napoli, Caterina Maiurana, Judy Petrosian, Margaret McCaffrey, Valerie McPhee, Susan Griffith, Katharina & Manfred Lemech Conley Family Intentions, John Kelly, 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 Labbozetta, 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, Odete Desa, Vince Munro, Marian Wojciechowski, Krystna Leszczywska, Kim & Raymond Malouf, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Charles & Eddy Piper, Francisco Desa, 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.**



'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
*Longer form, 11:1-45*

## 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. Respond 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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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 5TH 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** cf. Jn 11:26

**Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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

### ETERNAL LIFE

In today's Gospel, Jesus leaves what is for him safe country across the Jordan to go to Judea. He puts his own life at mortal risk in order to give life to his mortally ill friend.

Strangely, of course, Jesus, on hearing the news of Lazarus' grave illness, delays a few days before acting on the sisters' message. In effect, he allows Lazarus to die. This means that he can enter into and address the grief of Martha and Mary, and of all those who subsequently mourn the death of loved ones.

Martha takes comfort in her conventional belief in the resurrection of the dead on the last day. But Jesus majestically proclaims, 'I am the resurrection and the life'. For those who believe, 'eternal life' begins now; it transcends the barrier of death.

Jesus in the end restores Lazarus to this present life. But, beyond a kindness to Lazarus and his sisters, this miracle is more importantly a sign and symbol that, in the sense mentioned above, Jesus is 'the resurrection and the life' for all believe.

What Jesus does for Lazarus in fact plays out in miniature the whole pattern of his life and mission. As incarnate Son of God, he leaves the 'safe country' of his eternal dwelling with the Father (Jn 1:1-2) to enter our world and, at the cost of his own life, give eternal life to us all. Each one of us, confronted with the prospect of death, is Lazarus, the friend for whom Jesus will give his own life. We should hear the Passion with this in mind.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

29 MARCH 2020

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 42:1-2

**Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.**

## 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. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You open for your people the way from death into life: 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.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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** Ezek 37:12-14

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**  
*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise

you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 129. R. v. 7

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord, hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord, who would survive? / But with you is found forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord / more than watchman for daybreak. / (Let the watchman count on daybreak / and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Rom 8:8-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 11:25, 26

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;**



**whoever believes in me will not die for ever.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45.

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'