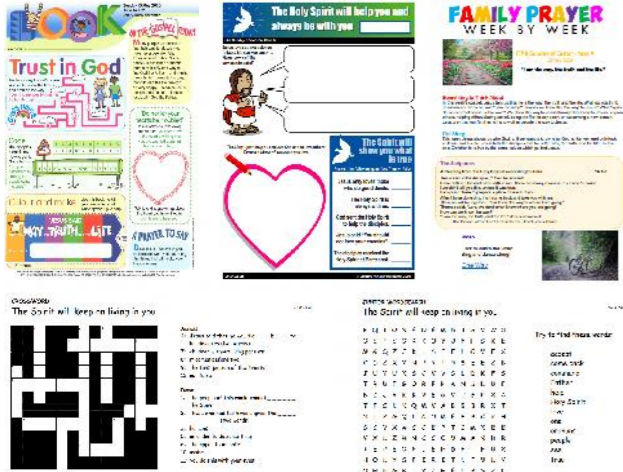


## KIDS CORNER

Click on the images below to download the activity sheets & resources for this week.



### Family Discussion Starters:

- Who are the people who love you?
- What do they ask of you in return for their love?
- Jesus loves us and asks us to keep his commandments.
- What are some of his commandments?
- Jesus says the Holy Spirit will help us.
- Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to help us love others.

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for volunteers who would be able to help us lead small group discussions with the kids in our **Sacramental Program**. Social distancing will be maintained. Call Ruth to discuss. : 0410 470 678



click here for **VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
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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Sunday 17 May 2020 : Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

The NSW Government has introduced Step 1 of the relaxation of restrictions and Parish masses of up to 10 people are possible. Once a protocol for bookings and cleaning is in place the celebration of the Eucharist will recommence. There will be further communication to let you know when Masses will recommence. I would invite anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to call the office for an appointment.

**Live streaming will continue on Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays at 6pm.**

While the church buildings have been closed I have taken the opportunity to do some ongoing maintenance. At St Francis the scaffolding will soon be gone while at St Joseph the front alcove has been painted, the Hall and car park area have been thoroughly cleaned and a new pump has been installed to protect against car park flooding.

I look forward in anticipation to the celebration of Pentecost and further joyful news on the horizon. Yours, **Fr Paul**

The Safeguarding Team at the Archdiocese of Sydney are seeking parishioners to complete a short survey on Cyber Safety.

The Survey is made up of 26 questions, 13 of these questions are to be answered by adults and the other 11 questions are to be answered by children and young people. The survey is anonymous and will only take 5 minutes to complete.

**CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY**

## RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. To organise a time to meet with one of the Friars please call the Parish Office on 9331 4043.

## Join us for Mass

Live Stream  
Twice a Week

**Wednesdays 5pm**  
**Saturdays 6pm**

[www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/facebook-live-stream](http://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/facebook-live-stream)

## Helping your community is as easy as taking a walk through your neighbourhood!

CatholicCare are connecting people in need to their local Parish and we need your help to promote this service. Choose a street in your neighbourhood and help us do a letterbox drop.

Call the Parish Office on 9331 4043 and speak to Ruth for more information.

## PLANNED GIVING ONLINE

We truly appreciate the numerous calls and emails asking how our community can continue to contribute via the second collection.

If you would like to donate via credit card please call the parish office on 9331 4043 or click below to donate online.

If you are in our Planned Giving Program please quote your planned giving number when making your donation.

**Monthly Credit Card Direct Debit** | **Once-Off Credit Card donation**

## Stay in Touch

During this time when we are unable to physically worship together our faith community is still alive and active. We invite you to click the icons below and join us on facebook and twitter to interact with your community, visit our website and join our mailing list for regular news and updates!

**JOIN OUR MAILING LIST**

The creativity of love can overcome isolation.  
Pope Francis 2020



### 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

We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.

**Recently Deceased:** Salvatore Buoncore, Kazuyo Culpin, Gerard Lohan, Martin O'Connor, Brian Delaney, Fr Peter Morrissey, Sr Leila Saab, Peter Hackett, Valerie Warton, James Adamovich, Matthew Bolton, John Rockey, 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 Squadrino, Rae Collins, James Cummings, Patrick Whooley, Juliet McCormack.

**Mass Intentions:** Glen Coorey, Gregory & Patricia McCue, Peg & Paul Kelly, Rosa Spinelli, Conley Family Intentions, Jeanette Rawlinson, Margaret Quinell, 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 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 Ordenez, 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, Odete Desa, Vince Munro, Holy Souls.

### FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER

Please click on the image to download the latest Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher to the Clergy & Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney dated 13 May 2020



#### FOR REGULAR UPDATES FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE

[www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/)

#### 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 on 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.

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

17 MAY 2020

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to 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.**

### 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. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that,

purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. 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-V OF EASTER

*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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

### 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** Jn 14:15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. 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

#### 'AT HOME' WITH GOD

In last week's Gospel Jesus reflected on two understandings of his 'going away' and 'return': first, his going away in death and his re-appearance three days later as risen Lord; second, his more final departure to the Father, to return only at the end of time. The section from Jesus' instruction that we hear today focuses upon that second, much longer period of absence.

As far as the non-believing world is concerned, Jesus will simply have ceased to exist. Believers, however, will continue to 'see' him with the eyes of faith and experience his presence in this way.

In loving him and keeping his commandments, they will participate in the mutual love that unites Father and Son, both of whom will 'make their home' within them. Though deprived of Jesus' physical presence, they and God will be mutually 'at home' in this sense.

In this connection Jesus speaks of 'another Paraclete' whom he will ask the Father to give. A 'paraclete' is someone who stands beside a person in time of difficulty, a supportive and encouraging presence. We might think, for example, of a highly respected person whom we might ask to go to court with us to act as a character witness. Though Jesus will no longer be physically present to carry out this role, the community will have 'another paraclete' in the shape of the Holy Spirit.

In the face of the world's hostility and doubt, the 'Spirit of truth' will offer reassurance that what they believe and seek to live by is the most profound truth.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Isa 48:20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

### 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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

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.**

### GLORIA

**Glorify 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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

### COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

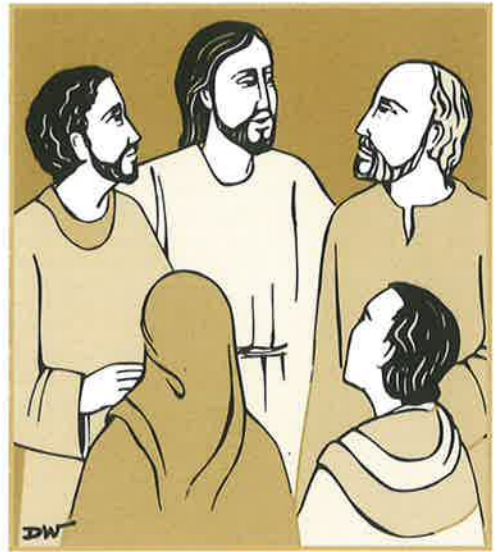
**RESP PSALM** Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, / O sing to the glory of his name. / O render him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; / shall sing to you, sing to your name!' / Come and see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our joy then be in him; / he rules for ever by his might. **R.**



4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer / nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Pet 3:15-18

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**  
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 14:15-21

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 shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*