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VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CAN YOU HELP AFTER TODAY'S MASS
If you can help wipe down pews after today's Mass please see the volunteers on the door.

Presider: In the parable of the sower we are reminded of the need to be like the good seed, that we might flourish where we are planted and come to harvest bearing a rich crop.

Reader: For Pope Francis and others who sow God's word.

All: May they bring the faithful to a rich crop that is shared amongst all those in need.

Reader: For our community as we take up our daily tasks.

All: May we remember that God works through our weaknesses to make our whole community stronger.

Reader: For the world.

All: That nations will show mutual tolerance and respect for those with whom they disagree.

Reader: For the poor, the homeless and those in need.

All: May they find amongst us a place of honour and compassion.

Reader: We pray for those bringing humanitarian aid to people in these covid days.

All: May they succeed in their work bringing relief where it is most needed.

Reader: For those who have died.

All: May they serve to remind us of the reception we hope to have when we too enter the communion of saints.

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.

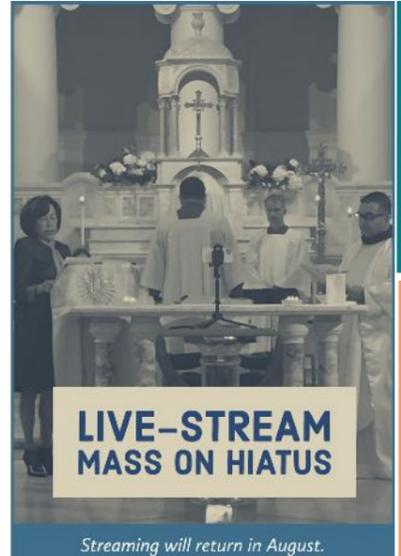
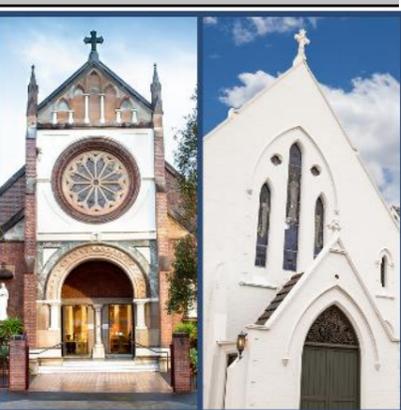


Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington, St Joseph Edgecliff and the 8:45am Mass at Double Bay
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19 July 2020 : 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Traditionally, The Sacrament of Holy Anointing was understood as the Last Rites because it was administered to a dying person. However, the Lord through the Apostle James says "Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the church, and let them pray over them" – James 5:14. Hence, in more recent years the Catholic Church has encouraged greater use of this sacrament for illness which is not necessarily life-threatening. Any baptized Catholic regardless of their illness, life-threatening or not, pregnancy, depression, gravely ill or are about to undergo an operation, can receive this sacrament. The rite of laying of hands and anointing of sacred oil on the person enables the sanctifying grace of God to heal and comfort them in their recovery of their physical, mental and spiritual health. Therefore, anyone who is suffering from any kind of illness, expecting mothers or anyone who are about to go for a medical procedure, regardless whether it is a major or minor procedure, may come over to the parish and seek this sacrament from any of the available priest or at any parish convenient for you. Alternatively, you may contact the parish for a priest to visit you and administer the sacrament to you at home or in the hospital. - Fr Francisco

END OF YEAR RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN SENT THIS WEEK
Please note, there are currently delays with Australia Post however we expect your receipts to arrive in the fortnight. If there are issues with your receipts please email giving@stfrancis-stjoseph.com or call Ruth on 9331 4043.

PLEASE HELP OUR VOLUNTEERS BY BOOKING FOR MASS
Reserving your spot in advance assists our volunteers on the day, makes check-in faster and secures your space.
Book: p: 9331 4043
Bookings are open 10am Monday to 12noon Friday.



LIVE-STREAM MASS ON HIATUS
Streaming will return in August.



thank you
To all our volunteers who have made this weekend possible.
PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AFTER MASS
Thank you for helping us manage safety and hygiene in our community.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE
Contact the Parish Office to organise collection.

Want to join Planned Giving? Complete the form or call 9331 4043 for more information.

Join us for Mass
Bookings available online & by calling parish office.
To assist our volunteers on the day please arrive at least 10 minutes before scheduled start time & where possible book your space in advance.
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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 Basnayak ofm & Joseph Nguyen 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: Paula Dodgson, Linda Ashfort, Paul Kearney, Margaret Quinell, Georgina Moretti (Scott), Elizabeth Moore, Ian Perkins, Sheila Dahdah, Barbara Fuller-Quinn, Ingeborg Berben, Fr M.J. O'Sullivan, Ann Dargan, Geoffrey Karpin, Giacomo Cangelosi, Jennifer Cormier, Rose Anne Croke RSC, Virginia Wilkison RSC, Jim Evans, Hilton Hollingdale, Robert Cumming, Patricia Callachor, Dallas, Salvatore Buoncore, Kazuyo Culpin, Gerard Lohan, Martin O'Connor, Brian Delaney, Fr Peter Morrissey, Sr Leila Saab, Peter Hackett, Valerie Warton, James Adamovich.

Mass Intentions: Ian Stewart, Virginnia Ross, John Foxe, Amanda L'Estrange, Carolyn Savage, Andrew Georgiou, David Saw, Francisco Leonardo Correa, William Hegarty, Angelina & Carmen Bellanto, Marie Toohey, Annette Angles, Patricia Upton, Caroline Upjohn, Guilano Family, Francis Xavier Dillon, John & Jeanette Rawlinson, Roslyn Dougherty, Finbarr O'Farrell, The Piper Family, Catherine & Leon Hutchings, Jennifer & Felix Mui, Mollie Odillo Maher, Fr M.J. O'Sullivan, Stephen Kozicki, Rebecca Gallagher, O'Kelly Family Intentions, John (Jack) Coulson, Suzanne O'Mahoney, Hector Destro, John Carmody, John Scott, Peter O'Brien, Frances Furlong, Michael Donovan, Peter Meagher, Karen Tighe, Brian Prackher, Geoff Cliff, Glen Coorey, Gregory & Patricia McCue, Peg & Paul Kelly, Rosa Spinelli, Conley Family Intentions, 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, Holy Souls.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER

Click on the image to download the latest Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher to the Clergy & Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney dated 2 July 2020. Or visit the Archdiocese the Archdiocese website for the latest COVID updates and news at: 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 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 JULY 2020

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form 13:24-30.

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. O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you

blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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

PATIENCE IS BETTER THAN MISPLACED ZEAL

Today's Gospel presents a further image from agriculture in Palestine. A poisonous weed called darnel affects wheat crops. In the early stages it looks very like the young shoots of wheat. By the time both plants can be distinguished their roots are so entwined as to make tearing out the darnel very injurious to the wheat.

The parable addresses the disciples' dismay at the continuing prevalence of evil in the world. If, as Jesus teaches, the Kingdom of God has dawned, why has God not intervened to root out evil once and for all?

Like the wheat and darnel in the field, good and evil are at present so inextricably co-existent as to make too ruthless an attempt to eradicate the one fatal to a successful harvest of the other. In the harvest time to come, however, God will deal once and for all with evil, before gathering in the 'wheat' of the kingdom.

The parable also challenges the kind of religious zeal that, filled with moral outrage, wants to go in and root out from the community of believers any considered unworthy to be there.

It can even apply on an individual level. So often a person's good qualities spring from the same source as their less desirable ones. An irascible person may struggle vigorously for justice; a laid-back character may be a good listener – and so on.

Christianity's long history of intolerance – the Inquisition, etc. – shows the tragedy and folly of being more zealous to root out evil than to encourage good. The final judgement belongs to God.

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WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 53:6, 8
See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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

 Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, / to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. / Your justice has its source in strength, / your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. / You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned / and you expose the insolence of those who know it; / but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, / you govern us with great lenience, / for you have only to will, and your power is there. / By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people / how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, / and you have given your sons the good hope / that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5
R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you / and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are great and do marvellous deeds, / you who alone are God. **R.**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, / slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

 Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Mt 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

 Mt 13:24-43

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.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'