

## Prayers of the Faithful

Prisider: In today's Gospel Jesus' actions remind us that his words and his mercy are for all people, regardless of race or colour tradition. And so it is that we offer our prayers with the same faith as the Canaanite woman.

Reader: For Pope Francis as he seeks to build bridges to people of other faiths.

**All: May they be inspired by the Christian message of compassion and mercy.**

Reader: For those who work to deliver health care to people around the world.

**All: May Christ's healing hand be present in those countries ravaged by the corona virus.**

Reader: For the people of Beirut and Lebanon.

**All: May they have lasting healing in this time of unrest.**

Reader: For our parish community of St Francis, St Joseph and Double Bay.

**All: May we learn to look beyond ourselves and be conscious that we have a part to play wherever there is a need or an injustice.**

Reader: For nations at war, especially where minorities of any kind are being persecuted and martyred.

**All: May the international community come to their aid in a way that avoids further bloodshed.**

Reader: For those who have died, particularly those who have died alone in the pandemic.

**All: May they be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven and may their families and loved ones be embraced with comfort by their communities.**

Prisider: Together we pray.

**All: Lord God, may our common prayer for compassion and mercy be the beginning of a universal commitment to bring your justice to a deeply divided world.**

**We offer these prayers and the prayers of our heart through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### 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.

## THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY 15 AUGUST

This week, we affirm our belief that Mary is now in Heaven.

This feast of Mary originated in a sixth century feast of the Dormition or 'Falling asleep of Mary'. By the seventh century the feast became known as the Assumption of Mary. The feast of the Assumption commemorates the glorification of Mary, chosen by God, to be the mother of Jesus the Christ. The feast acquired a special status as a feast of Mary when Pius XII in 1950 defined the assumption as a dogma of faith. On this feast we are encouraged to affirm our humanity and work to enhance the dignity of people as daughters and sons of God.

**Let us pray,  
Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have revealed the beauty of your power by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth and making her the mother of our Saviour. May the prayers of this woman clothed with the sun bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the void of incompleteness with the presence of her child, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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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16 August 2020 : 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Last Tuesday, 11 Aug was the feast of St. Clare of Assisi. She was one of the early companions of St. Francis of Assisi who later founded the contemplative Order of the Poor Clare nuns. And like St. Francis, she has left us a wonderful legacy of prayer and praise to our Almighty God. One of it was the adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. She encouraged her sisters to adore Christ using these four simple steps to deepen their faith and vocation.

**Gaze:** Gaze in silence and meditation before the Eucharist to listen to Christ speaking to us.

**Contemplate:** Seek unity with God through the contemplation of the Crucified Christ.

**Consider:** 'Consider the holy humility, the blessed poverty' of God be close to us in the form of Manna or food for the soul

**Imitate:** Reflect on the love of Christ for the world. Transformation: We become the one we love.

Our parish have just started the Eucharistic adoration every Wednesday 11.30am. We can take this time to Gaze, Contemplate, Consider and Imitate the Lord through this Eucharistic Adoration.

PLEASE CONSIDER WEARING  
A MASK TO MASS.



NSW Health and the NSW Premier the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian have requested that all attending religious services wear masks. The Parishes of St Francis of Assisi, Paddington & St Joseph, Edgecliff encourage our community to please adhere to this request.

For your safety and in accord  
with government regulations

enjoy the music  
at our Mass but  
please do not  
sing along

A Message from:  
Noel Dehien, Music Director at St Francis of Assisi  
Tanith Bryce, Cantor at St Joseph  
Fr Paul Ghanem, Parish Priest

## Appeal for Lebanon 2020

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



If you would like to contribute to the Appeal donations can be made at Mass today (please see collection boxes at church door) or through the Parish Office: 9331 4043

## LIVE-STREAM RETURNING THIS WEEK!

Weekly: Wednesdays at Noon  
Monthly: 1st Saturday of the Month  
5:30pm Vigil Mass

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



## WEEKDAY MASS AND ADORATION

Join us in person Wednesdays at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington.

Adoration 11:30am Mass 12 Noon.

Max 45 ppl, no booking required.

St Francis of Assisi & St Joseph have registered as COVID Safe!



## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

As part of our COVID-19 safety plan on every visit to our office or churches you are required to:

Provide your name & contact details.

Stipulate you are not ill and/or suffering flu like symptoms.

Stipulate that to your knowledge you have not been exposed to a known case of COVID-19.

Sanitise your hands on entry & exit.

Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m including on entry and exit.

Follow the directions of Parish Staff & Volunteers.

Thank you for keeping us COVID safe.

## 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.

[www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/mass-bookings/](http://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/mass-bookings/)



## 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 Dehien & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington  
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington  
Emma-Gai Gold & Alanna Sparks - Safeguarding Support Officers  
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: Jerry Austin, Linda Noonan, Michael McCarthy, Bernadette Biggs, Peter Lucas, Patricia Schibeci, Salvatore Dibella, Sandro Dibella, Tien Pole Cheng, Nicole Nader, Linda Nader, Recardina da Silva, Clare Kenny, Harriet Cornfeld-Fraser, Annalisa Tamburrino, Paula Dodgson, Linda Ashfort, Paul Kearney, Margaret Quinnell, Georgina Moretti (Scott), Elizabeth Moore, Ian Perkins, Sheila Dahdah, Barbara Fuller-Quinn, Ingeborg Berben, Fr M.J. O'Sullivan, Rose Anne Croke RSC, Virginia Wilkinson RSC, Jim Evans.

Mass Intentions: Pattie Dillon, Mary Kiernan, Jack & Maureen Brett, Nan Kelly, Peg Kelly, Gristromo family, Cresencia Mendoza, Charlie Tsaoucis, Sorin & Doina, Crescentia Mendoza, Desmond O'Shea, Shanelle Hoong, Norma Coulson, John Duggan, Myrtle Engel, Tino Ordonez, Gaetano & Paola Carone, Catherine Wu-Hutchings, Rosie Castillo, Norma Austria-Eustaquio, Sylvia Santos, Ian Stewart, Virginia 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, 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, Holy Souls.

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

### PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER

The latest Pastoral Letter from Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher (dated 2 July) and more information is available at the Archdiocese of Sydney Website. We encourage you to check the below link for regular updates:

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

### ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020/21

This week Bishop Terry Brady shared with us all then 20/21 Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops Conference: To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today. We encourage you all to visit the page below and read this important document:

[socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/)

### 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

16 AUGUST 2020

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply. 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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. Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit also to receive your very self. 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 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. 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

##### FAITH THAT BREAKS BOUNDARIES

The perseverance and faith of the desperate Canaanite woman in today's Gospel is all the more striking because of the rebuff that she initially receives. Jesus' treatment of her is, at first sight, one of the most disturbing things in the Gospels. At first, he ignores her, then he insists that his mission is restricted to Israel. Finally, he rebuffs her with a heartless image about not throwing the children's food to dogs.

Instead of taking offence at what the image implies for her and her people, the woman seizes upon it and, with superb wit, turns it to her own advantage. Certainly, food prepared for the children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily. That provides opportunity for pet dogs under the table to gobble up the scraps that fall.

Developing the image in this way, the woman boldly challenges the restriction of Jesus' messianic mission to Israel alone, and wins from him recognition that he is Messiah not only for the Jews but also the One 'in whose name Gentiles (non-Jews, like herself) will place their hope' (Matthew 12:21).

The boundary-breaking faith of this woman of Canaan foreshadows the great mission to the nations of the world, upon which, at the end of the Gospel, the risen Lord will send the infant Church (Matthew 28:16-20).

But the woman also stands in for women of faith of all times, including our own, who challenge outworn structures and restricted vision that can cause the Church to lag behind the outreach of God's grace.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH! The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

#### 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. 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.

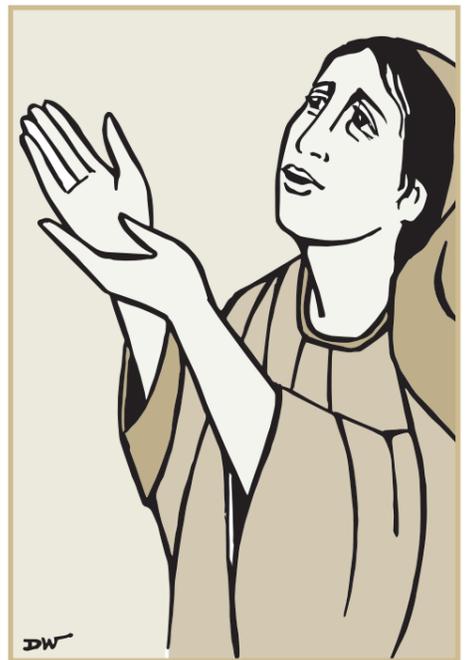
R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

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. O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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

Isa 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

##### RESP PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let your face shed its light upon us. / So will your ways be known upon earth / and all nations learn your saving help. R.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you rule the world with justice. / With fairness you rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on earth. R.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all the peoples praise you. / May God still give us his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

##### SECOND READING Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

##### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

##### GOSPEL Mt 15:21-28

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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.

Woman, you have great faith.