

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Paul the apostle encouraged the Philippians not to worry but to pray in thankfulness and peace. In that same spirit of trust and hopefulness we place our needs before the Lord.

Reader: For the Church.

All: May it continue to guide and teach us in faith, and be a living witness to the compassionate love of God.

Reader: For faith communities that face discrimination, harassment or persecution because of their beliefs.

All: May they hold fast to all that is life giving and nurturing in their faith.

Reader: For children and teachers on their school holiday.

All: May they return refreshed and ready for a term of discovery and growth.

Reader: For our faith community as we celebrate the Feast of St Francis.

All: May we preachers of the Gospel who use words only when necessary.

Reader: For those preparing for their Higher School Certificate.

All: May they feel the Lord's closeness during the HSC exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Reader: For those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

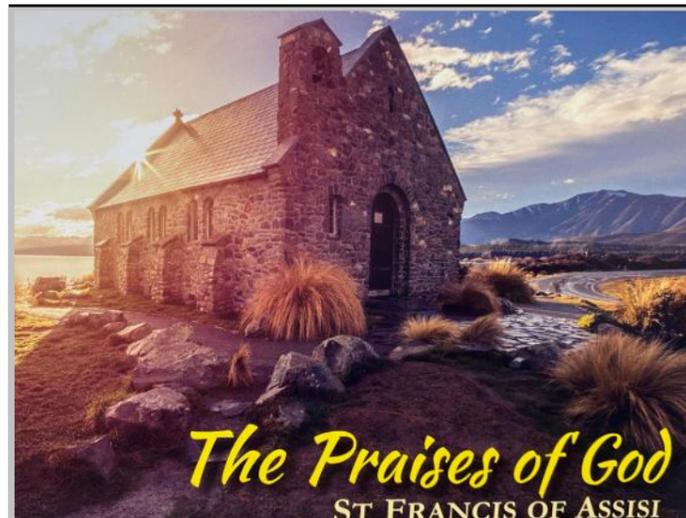
All: May they know the peace that comes from sharing in Christ's victory over death.

Presider: Let us pray:

All: God of love, you draw us always to you so that we may imitate your love and compassionate care for those in need. In faith we know that you will answer these prayers and give us what we need. We ask all this through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our

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.



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This year we are marking the Feast of St Francis with the sale of 2021 Franciscan Calendar. The price has gone up by \$2 to \$10 each. The extra money raised will be shared between the Parish and the Friars. Just ask the entrance volunteer for as many as you would like and then place your money in the basket at the church entrance. They can also be purchased at the Parish Office.

Plenty have been ordered, but get in quick.

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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4 October 2020 : 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Brothers and Sisters,

Celebrations are necessarily limited in these days of Covid-19, but that doesn't mean that we are not able to celebrate the Feast Of St Francis. While we can't mark the occasion with a High Mass, community celebration or the Blessing of the Animals, all of which will hopefully return in 2021, we can express our gratitude. Can I suggest that, as one community, we all adopt St. Francis's words "My God and my all!" as a sacred prayer and repeat it often through the week. Let us return all things to God, from whom all good stems. Happy and holy feast day to one and all. Fr Paul



Spirituality on the Sofa

Topic: The 2020 Plenary Council

Speakers: Geraldine Doogue AO & Fr Michael Whelan sm

Wed October 7 | 7:30pm-9pm

| Via Zoom (Room Opens at 7:15pm)

w: www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/spirituality-in-the-pub/



The Parish Office is closed on Monday 5th.

Phone bookings for Mass will be available from 10am on Tuesday. Online bookings will be live Monday 10am as usual.

PLEASE WEAR 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.

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/

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need volunteers to join our COVID-Safe Volunteer team at weekend Masses. Call Ruth 9331 4043 or visit our website: www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/covid-safe/

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.



thank you
To all our volunteers who have made this weekend possible.



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 & Joseph Nguyen ofm - Assistant Priests
Ruth Rawlinson - Parish Manager
Alanna Sparks - Parish Secretary
Tanith Bryce - Cantor, Edgecliff
Pamina Milenkovic - Organist, Edgecliff
Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold & Alanna Sparks - Safeguarding Support Officers

WEEKLY SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am

Wednesday: 12:15pm (with Adoration at 11:30am)

Reconciliation available by Appointment
Baptisms available by Appointment
Please call 9331 4043

If you would like a home visit please call the Parish Office.

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

Recently Deceased: Frances Spicer, Bessie Laedbeatter, Maria Pullin, Barbara & Edgar Matthews, William Whitehair, Maurice Scully, Tony Fraser, Barry Watts, Judith Glaister RSM, Peter Mackenzie Smith, Francis Pimanda, Pasquale Larubina, Shirley Cummings, Stanley Sang, Jim Evans, 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.

Mass Intentions: George Orr, Jim Evans, Nancy Rickard, Giulano Family, Piper Family, David DeCarvalho, Bernard Hanlon, Francesca Smith, David Crees, Hector Destro, Gabrielle McDonough, Ziolo Diaz Junior, Laura Martinez, Patricia Richmond-Kiernan, Paul Kelly, Paul Bellanto, Sorin & Gheorghe, Beau Henderson, Kevin McGrath, Rosario Macaso Austria, Isabel Scarf, Concepcion Family, Claude Ulin, Conley family intentions, Salvatore & Sandro Di Bella, Doina's Intentions, Pattie Dillon, Mary Kiernan, Jack & Maureen Brett, Nan Kelly, Peg Kelly, Gristromo family, Cresencia Mendoza, Charlie Tsaoucis, Sorin & Doina, Cresencia 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, Holy Souls.

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.

GOSPEL

Mt 21:33-43

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.

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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.

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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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,

to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, almighty God,

that we may be refreshed and nourished

by the Sacrament which we have received,

so as to be transformed into what we consume.

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

THE SONG SUNG OVER THE CHURCH

Jesus probably told the parable of the Tenants against the religious leaders in Jerusalem in his day. Having resisted the prophets sent by God, they are now resisting the last of them, namely, himself. As such they have shown themselves to be usurpers, retaining for themselves the 'vineyard' (Israel) and its 'produce' (the life of the people). For them, the arrival of the Kingdom (of God) will mean dispossession and retribution.

The early Church retold the parable in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection, and a belief in his status as God's Son. Also present is a bitter awareness of the *No* given to the Gospel by the bulk of Israel and a sense of the Church itself, made up of Jews and non-Jews, as the community of the Kingdom. Through the continuing presence of the risen Lord (Matthew 28:20), the community can and ought to produce the 'fruits' that God desires.

The long and tragic history of Christian intolerance and persecution of Jews calls for sensitivity in handling texts like this that reflect the early Church's disappointment with Israel. Today we should move on from Christian triumphalism at Jewish expense to concentrate upon the 'fruits' that God looks for from us. God has made the 'rejected stone'—the crucified and risen Lord—the 'cornerstone' of the Church. The question for us is whether the 'song' sung by God over this new vineyard (cf. the First Reading) is one of delight or disappointment. Inevitably, perhaps, a bit of both. In either case it will be a song of love.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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THE FRUITS OF THE KINGDOM. The tenants in today's Gospel had received much from the landowner who had established the vineyard. It was only fair that he should receive a share of the fruits of the crop. Likewise, we have received much from Christ whose grace produces in us the fruits of truth, goodness, purity, love, honour and virtue. We pay our dues to Christ when we share these fruits with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

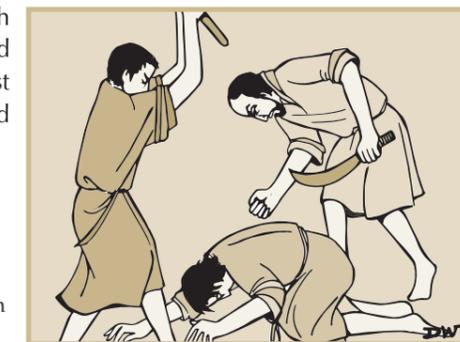
R. Lord, have mercy.

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.



RESP PSALM Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Isa 5:7

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; / to plant it you drove out the nations. / It stretched out its branches to the sea, / to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? / It is plucked by all who pass by. / It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, / devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine and protect it, / the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**
4. And we shall never forsake you again: / give us life that we may call upon your name. / God of hosts, bring us back; / let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! / I call you friends, says the Lord, / because I have made known to you / everything I have learnt from my Father. / Alleluia!

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.