

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Dear friends, to follow Jesus is to put into practice the commandment of loving the Lord and loving your neighbour as you love your self. Putting this command into practice we offer these prayers.

Reader: For the Church.

All: May the Gospel principles of mercy and compassion for all be at the heart of our life together as a people of God.

Reader: For the whole human family.

All: May, by the power of God's Spirit, hate be turned into love, anger into mercy and fear into peace.

Reader: For those whose homelands have been ravaged by war, famine or natural disaster.

All: May all who have sought refuge elsewhere be given the shelter and sustenance they long for and the strength and support to start again.

Reader: For all who govern and lead.

All: May they work to provide all people with a just share of the world's bounty.

Reader: For all the saints who have gone before us.

All: May the many ways they lived the gospel to the full inspire us to follow Christ more closely.

Reader: For our deceased relatives, friends and all the faithful departed.

All: May the Risen Christ bring them into the presence of God for all eternity.

Presider: Let us pray together:

All: Almighty and Loving God, we ask you to hear and answer these our prayers and may your rule of compassion and commandment of love govern every moment of life you give us until the coming of your reign, where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



**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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Dear Parishioners,

We all experience that change is challenging sometimes. As you are aware there will be a big change in the leadership of our Parish in the next few weeks. We pray for Fr Anthoni Selvaraj in his new position as our next leader and servant of our Parish. We pray also for Fr Paul Ghanem and Fr Piotr Rzucidlo as they soon relinquish their roles of many years, as Parish Priest and Assistant Priest for the Parishes of Paddington and Edgecliff. Obviously, Fr Paul and Fr Piotr, have greatly contributed and wonderfully served the Parish with their many talents in so many different ways, and therefore we should thank our good Lord for sending Fr Paul and Fr Piotr among us: we thank Him for their precious presence, humble service and tireless dedication to the people of God.

We pray both Fr Paul and Fr Piotr all the very best in their new ministry ahead. As Fr Piotr shared in his message on our Parish Newsletter last weekend, he will miss all of us, and surely Fr Paul and Fr Piotr will be greatly missed by us too. Thank you to Fr Paul and Fr Piotr for all you have done.

God bless and don't forget to pray for us.

Joseph Nguyen, OFM

DR JOHN MCLAUGHLIN AM, KCSG, KGCHS

Congratulations to parishioner, John McLaughlin, who was this week honoured by the Holy Father Pope Francis in recognition of his continued work and support of Church and civil society through various ministries including the Law, Education and Church. John was promoted to Knight Commander in the Order of St Gregory the Great. In his acceptance speech John acknowledged this community and made a commitment to continue walking the path of faith and action. Our community joins as one in congratulating John on this wonderful achievement.



PADDINGTON ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Paddington's SVDP Society will have its' **Christmas Appeal** the weekend of Christ the King, 21-22 November. If you receive a donation request from SVDP headquarters, could you please wait until our appeal here at Paddington.

We issue our own tax deductible receipts for donations over \$2 and can direct 20% of monies raised to Centre 360 (Come-In Centre).

What do the changes to COVID restrictions mean for our community? As you will all be aware on Friday restrictions were relaxed for Places of Worship by the NSW government.

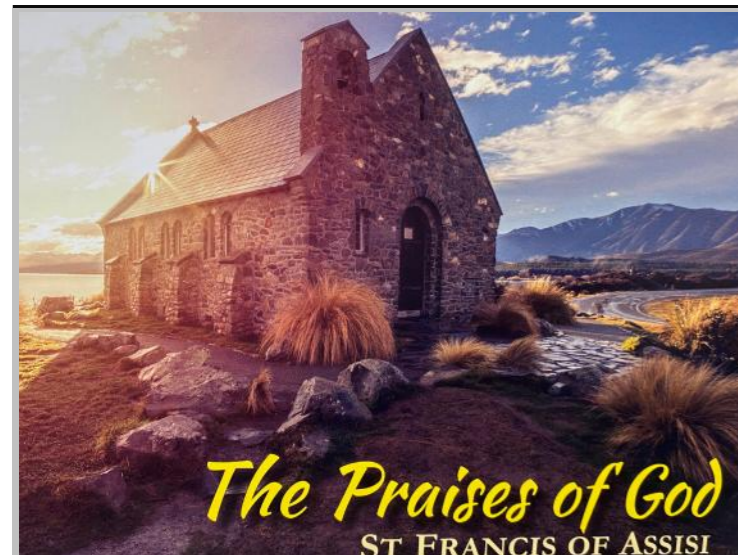
These changes give us the opportunity to increase the number of parishioners attending our Masses however other regulations such as retention of contact details, social distancing, 4 sq meters per person and the need for a COVID-Safe plan remain in place. Next week we will communicate the new limits for Mass attendance in our churches. The ability to increase our attendance limits safely depends on our community coming together and assisting us with this process. **We ask you please book for Mass in advance and cooperate with our volunteers on the day.**



Join our Readers Roster

Ruth: 9331 4043

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 Month 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.



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 Rzucidlo ofm, Francisco Basnayake ofm & Joseph Nguyen ofm - Assistant Priests
Ruth Rawlinson - Parish Manager
Alanna Sparks & Cate Stivala - 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

Are you or a loved one unable to attend Mass at this time?
If you would like to receive a visit in your home please contact 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: Aquino Lanojan, Mary Cook RSC, Marie Arakelian, Maria Orner, Tina Chen Visage, Pauline Babicci OSC, 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, Jim Evans, Jerry Austin.

Mass Intentions: Sorin & Donna, Giuliano Family, Catherine Heath, Barry Scott, Kalnejais Family, Kristen & Mark Crees, Jorge Fernandez, Genowefa & Mariam Wojciechowska, Finbarr O'Farrell, Ancet Ferenandes, Andrew Georgiou, Gladys Schell, Scott Mitchell, George Orr, Jim Evans, Nancy Rickard, Giuliano Family, Piper Family, David DeCarvalho, Bernard Hanlon, Rancesca 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 Ordenez, Gaetano & Paola Carone, Catherine Wu-Hutchings, Rosie Castillo, Norma Austria-Eustaquio, Sylvia Santos, 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 22:34-40

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.

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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

cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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 GREATEST COMMANDMENT

When faced with the question in today's Gospel concerning which of the commandments of the law is the greatest, Jesus has no hesitation in uniting two commandments already found in the scriptures of Israel.

The command to love God with all one's heart and soul and mind comes from Deuteronomy (6:4-5). It is a command that every Israelite is summoned to recite each morning on rising (the 'Schema' prayer). So the Christian tradition has inherited from Israel the truth that God is worthy of love, worship and dedication of life simply for God's sake alone. Love is the supreme factor in the relationship that God desires to have with us.

The second command, 'to love one's neighbour as oneself', occurs in Leviticus 19:18. It is 'like' the first because it flows from the nature of Israel's God, who has identified so intimately with the situation of human beings. To love God with all one's heart and soul and mind is to love those whom God loves: one's fellow human beings, especially the vulnerable and the poor.

Down the ages there have been many interpretations as to what loving one's neighbour as oneself might mean. Primarily it would seem to mean putting oneself—at least imaginatively—in the neighbour's shoes and asking how I would like to be treated in their situation. Better still, perhaps, it means taking pains to find out from the neighbour what exactly their desire might be. All effective works of charity and justice begin from a similar base: from *com-passion* ('feeling with') in the deepest sense of that term.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

25 OCTOBER 2020

OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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

Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

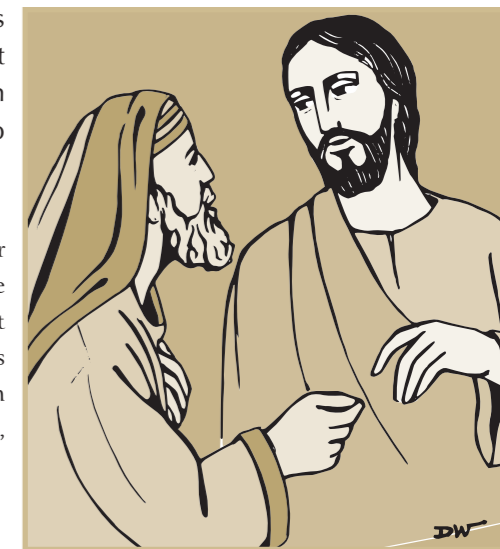
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**



2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / He has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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!