

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Today Christ challenges us to keep our lamps burning, just like the wise bridesmaids. We too need to fuel our spiritual lives, namely the Body and the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in Glory.

Reader: For the Church.

All: May we continue to be faithful to the teachings of Christ so that our lamps will shine bright when Christ comes in Glory.

Reader: For our faith community as we share this Eucharist.

All: May our gatherings be revered as places that provide opportunities for people to come to know you and each other more fully.

Reader: For our civil and political leaders.

All: May they exercise their stewardship with responsibility and a genuine concern for the good of all.

Reader: For our young parishioners who received the sacrament of Confirmation.

All: May they experience the tender and compassionate mercy of God who came to serve and not to be served.

Reader: For our sick.

All: May they know the love and goodness of God through those who care for them.

Reader: For all who have died.

All: May they stay with the Lord forever and gaze upon him in the sanctuary of heaven.

Presider: Let us pray together:

All: All powerful God, You are all light and in you there is no darkness. Let your light shine upon all for whom we pray so that we may walk gladly in your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.



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Confirmation 2020

This weekend our community celebrates the confirmation of fifty-six of our younger members. Confirmation 2020, like 2020 itself, has been somewhat different than previous years as we've navigated the complexities of this COVID period together, which has at times been a real test of our gifts! This time has also proved to be a celebration of those gifts as I've been continually humbled by the grace, patience and understanding of our parish families as we have worked through how to celebrate this important sacrament together.

Confirmation 2020 would not have been possible without the hard work of many in our community. Thank you to everyone who made this day possible, including Bishop Terry Brady, Fr Paul Ghanem and Fr Francisco Basnayake. Special thanks to St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School and especially Nicole Hudson (Principal), Joanne Frith (Religious Educator), Bernice Wong (our Family Educator), Christine Hart & Lisa Penklis (Office Staff) and Mary Cruz who designed our Confirmation logo this year. Thank you also to our own office staff Alanna Sparks (who wears two hats this year as she is also the mum of Mia!) & Cate Stivala, who have worked long hours to ensure Confirmation is as special as ever during this time. And to our Parish Volunteers Marion O'Farrell, Eleanor Freeman, Dora Stewart, Brian McMahon, Anne Porter and Rob Porter – thank you for everything you do, you are such a blessing to us.

During a year that has been marked by the phrase "social distancing" the opportunity to celebrate together as a community has renewed significance but even more significant is the privilege of witnessing these young members of our Church as their Confirmation strengthens their divine life through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This has been a year of many challenges but as a community we have continued to meet them with strength and joy, a sign to me that those gifts are alive and well in our community of Paddington, Edgecliff and Double Bay. - Ruth Rawlinson

As we congratulate our 2020 candidates on their confirmation we wanted to share with you some of the Confirmation (Saints) names chosen this year. The candidates have taken great care as they have chosen their confirmation name and we wish we had space to include them all, but please enjoy the selection below.

St Albertus Magnus: He was declared as the Patron Saint of Natural Science and the doctor of the Church... he was an academic scholar and... a remarkable mediator. And I really admire how he integrated faith and science together. (Maximus P.)

St Patrick: He was a man who was empathetic and had a strong vision of what he wanted to achieve. (Seth S.)

St Matilda: I felt a connection with this saint (she) was different to the rest of the saints I had read about... In Matilda's story it tells you her sins and how she fixed it... I admire her generosity to the poor, her influence to her husband Henry to give to the poor of Germany and treat them with love... (and that) she committed sin and then she came back to God. This is the quality I like best in Matilda, so that I don't commit sin or if I do she will help me through it. (Grace Z.)

St Isabelle: I admire how humble and grateful Saint Isabelle was. Born into a rich family, she still always cared for others before herself even through tough times and dedicated her life to those less fortunate, God and prayer. (Beatrix R.)

St Sylvester: My grandfathers birth name is Sylvester and he will be my sponsor. I found three Saint Sylvester's. One was a pope in 300 AD, one was a lawyer in Italy (and) became a priest, and I admire the most St Sylvester of Assisi who distributed wealth to the poor and travelled with Saint Francis of Assisi. (James Y.)

St Jeanne (Joan of Arc): She fought for her faith and was prepared to die for what she believed in. (Anna R.)

St Elizabeth: She is a determined caring woman, I realised that I would like a woman like this to be following me through my journey. St Elizabeth is a determined, caring and loving woman... very kind and loyal. (Klaudia M.)

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Paddington's SVDP Society will have its' Christmas Appeal the weekend of Christ the King, 21-22 November. Edgecliff SVDP Society will do a mail out for all regular donors at the same time. 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).

NEW MASS NUMBERS

PADDINGTON : 70
EDGECLIFF : 43

While the new regulations allow for a maximum of 300 people in a place of worship at one time please note the 4 sqm rule still applies which means for most churches the legally allowed number is much lower.

Please remember to book online or via the parish office.



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.

Cana Goodies on sale 14/15 and 21/22 November But what exactly is Cana?

Cana Communities began as De Porres House in 1975 and has continued under the name Cana Communities Inc since 1995. Working in inner-Sydney, the organisation has set up a number of overnight shelters and homes. Since 2011, Cana has operated a Farm at Orchard Hills in the western suburbs of Sydney. At Cana Farm, people have the opportunity to learn and work in a supportive, caring environment. The organisation is mostly run by volunteers, and is solely reliant on donations from the community. Cana Communities receives no government funding, and is grateful for your support.

Who does Cana support?

Cana's primary purpose is to provide relief from poverty, suffering, destitution and helplessness for people struggling with mental illness, addiction, homelessness, loneliness and other factors that alienate them from society. Central to the life of the Community are those who are most in need and who, through being rejected, powerless or violent, have the least options. These people are our primary focus.

How?

Cana Communities celebrates people. We create a community with all the love, chaos, and frustration of a family, in which people can feel listened to and valued. We provide shelters and homes and a sense of belonging for people in need. We have volunteers who visit men and women in jail. Cana supports those who live on the margins, many who have spent years on the streets and in institutions.

Due to Covid restrictions it has not been possible to make jams and chutneys. However there is honey, saltbush dukkah, olive oils, vinegars, olives, salt & pepperberry and Christmas cakes available this year.

Please show your support by making a purchase.

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
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 Debiem & 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



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: Sesarina Bau RSC, Elaine Boys, 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.

During this Month of Holy Souls all masses will be offered as requested.

Owing to covid concerns we, unfortunately, cannot have a Book of Remembrance at either church. However, we invite you to pray this prayer each day at home:

*"O Lord of mercy, look down upon all our deceased. Forgive their offenses and be merciful upon their souls, may we all hear you calling us into your Heavenly Kingdom and see you face to face. May we hear those words calling us to your heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

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.

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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 with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 22: 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

BE PREPARED!

The parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids addresses the situation of the Church as it awaits the return of its Lord (the 'Bridegroom'). The time of waiting has become very long indeed but the Church still proclaims: 'Christ will come again', and lives in that hope and in the sense of accountability that accompanies it. The key thing is to use the time of waiting profitably, so as not to be caught out when the Bridegroom arrives, whether that be at the moment of death or end of time.

The five wise and five foolish bridesmaids depict two possibilities for believers. The oil needed for their lamps represents the good deeds that Jesus commends in this gospel, especially the works of mercy that feature so prominently in the parable of the Great Judgement (Matthew 25:41-56). The five wise bridesmaids will meet the Bridegroom with their lamps blazing with this 'oil'. The five foolish ones, on the other hand, represent the kind of believers who cry out, 'Lord, Lord' but have no good works to accompany their confession of faith (see Matthew 7:21).

The parable—and the Gospel as a whole—remind us that the words of dismissal at the Eucharist, 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life', are no perfunctory conclusion to the rite but a programme for living the twin commandments of love of God and love of neighbour. Those who take them to heart have always with them the 'oil' required for salvation; they can 'sleep' without anxiety about being caught short by the sudden arrival of the Lord.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING. We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.



COLLECT

P. Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 6: 12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go.

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62: 2-8. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. R.

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

SECOND READING

1 Thess 4: 13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Shorter form, 1 Thess 4: 13-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24: 42, 44. R. v. 2

Alleluia, alleluia! / Be watchful and ready: / you know not when the Son of Man is coming. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 25: 1-13

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.