

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Presider:* My brothers and sisters, as Jesus faced his last days in Jerusalem he dared his followers to venture boldly in faith. Let us take up his challenge and pray and work with confidence for a new world.

*Reader:* For our Church throughout the world.

**All: May we be accepting and welcome everyone with open arms regardless of race, colour or religious tradition.**

*Reader:* For world leaders and those in government.

**All: May they lead with integrity and stay true to providing for people's needs, especially the poor and marginalised.**

*Reader:* For Christian believers everywhere.

**All: May they be missionary disciples whose public testimony bears a rich harvest for the kingdom of God.**

*Reader:* For the workers of this world who labour hard to earn a living.

**All: May they be rewarded fairly for their efforts and be respected in their workplaces.**

*Reader:* For those that struggle with anxiety, depression and all other mental illness.

**All: May they be given the grace to persevere and make it through life one day at a time.**

*Reader:* For those who have died recently and those whose we remember in this month of Holy Souls.

**All: May they live forever as children of light in the heavenly Jerusalem.**

*Presider:* As we pray together:

**All: Almighty and merciful God, you have called us out of darkness into your own marvellous light. By the power of your Spirit, help us to live each day faithfully in the light of Christ. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. 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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**Befriending Time**

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men  
which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
omitted, all the voyage of their life  
is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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**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 appeals here at Paddington and Edgecliff.

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.**

**'SHOEBOXES 2020' IN THE TIME OF COVID**

Our usual Christmas 'shoebox' appeal is not possible this year however we still want to give a gift parcel to our friends in Vincentian Village and Ronald Coleman Lodge.

In consultation with Fr Paul and I have decided to ask you, our parishioners, to give a cash donation to the value that you would have spent to fill a shoebox and we will bulk buy gifts and fill bags for distribution at Christmas.

A donation of \$35 would enable us to purchase a selection of gifts based on the variety of gifts placed in the boxes over the last 30 Years.  
*Marion O'Farrell*

**SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Are on sale this year only in the sacristy at St Josephs.

**PRICE : Still only \$6 for a packet of 10**

*Please remember to sanitise your hands before and after the purchase.*

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND**

You may have received communication directly from the Charitable Works Fund requesting donations, we very much encourage you to donate to CWF & the many causes it supports.

However, it is helpful to us if you donate through the Parish rather than directly through the archdiocese.

You can donate through the Parish using the envelopes available at Mass this weekend, through the envelope collection 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 : THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT**  
**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 Debien & 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.**

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 NOVEMBER 2020

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. ‘Sir,’ he said ‘you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Longer form, Mt 25: 14-30.*

## 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. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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 72: 28

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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 and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

### RISK TAKING FOR GOD

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year, the focus remains upon the second coming of the Lord. Once again, the Gospel provides a parable (the Talents) instructing us how to live in view of that expectation.

The master in the parable is pleased with the enterprising first two servants. Having realised substantial gains on the amounts entrusted to them, they are welcomed 'into the joy of their master'—that is, into the banquet of the Kingdom.

But the third servant, who simply hid his single talent in the ground, displeased his master because he didn't do what was expected, namely, trade with the money so that it would increase. He didn't even put the sum in the bank, where it would have at least accrued some interest. Paralysed by a fearful image that he has of his master (an image of God that the parable does not endorse but actually refutes), he sought security in giving back, in strict justice, the exact sum entrusted to him. This, however, was not what the master wanted. Hence the severe penalty.

The parable challenges believers not to rest content simply with not doing anything wrong so that God will not be able to find anything to punish. Such an attitude mistakes the nature of God and neglects what God really wants, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the 'weightier matters of the law': 'justice, mercy and faith' (Matthew 23:23). The gifts God has entrusted to us, like our minds and limbs, need active exercise if they are not to atrophy and wither.

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WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT! We all have our unique gifts and talents. When we use them well, we enrich our community. We bring joy to ourselves and to others. Let us encourage each other to develop our gifts. Then, together, we will hear our Master say: 'Well done, good and faithful servants. Come and join in my happiness forever.'

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. / You will call upon me, and I will answer you, / and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

## 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. 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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

## COLLECT

P. Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

*A reading from the book of Proverbs.*

*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,

and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 127: 1-5. R. v. 1

**R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

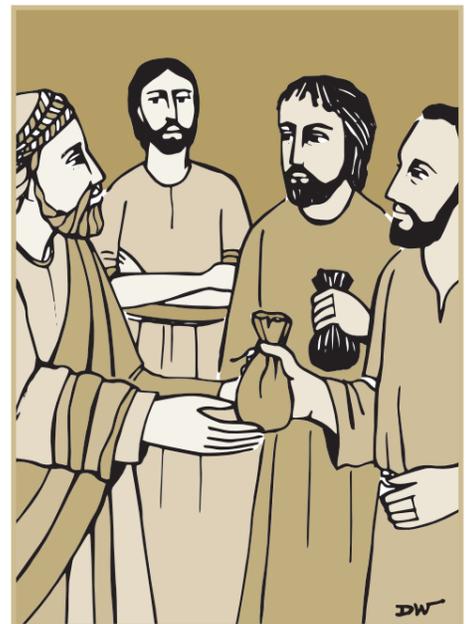
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Thess 5: 1-6

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

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 4, 5

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; / my branches bear much fruit. / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mt 25: 14-15, 19-21

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.**

*Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.*