

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Today we proclaim that Christ is king of all nations and people. In Jesus' name we ask the Lord for all the graces we need to be the good news to those we meet.

Reader: For Pope Francis and all our Church leaders.
All: May your Spirit guide them always so that they may imitate the servanthood of Christ Jesus in all they do.

Reader: For all the nations of the world.
All: May they grow in awareness of God's compassion and mercy and see this as the uniting force in the world, which alone can bring peace and harmony.

Reader: For leaders in every sphere of human life.
All: May they put their power to good use and reach out personally to the disadvantaged in their midst.

Reader: For refugees and asylum seekers in camps and detention centres around the world.
All: May their cry for help be met with receptive hearts and minds.

Reader: For our communities of Double Bay, Edgecliff and Paddington.
All: May you give us the heart and generosity to reach out to the hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick and those in prison, and especially to those who have no one else in their lives.

Reader: For our relatives and friends who have died and those whose names are recorded in our Book of Remembrance.
All: May they share in the promise of Christ's resurrection and dwell with you in light and peace for eternity.

Presider: Let us pray together:
All: God of the Universe, you sent us Jesus as a servant to establish your kingdom among us. Grant us the strength and all that we need to live as members of that kingdom. We ask this through Christ 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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22 November 2020 : Christ the King Year A

This weekend, the Feast of Christ The King, marks my 21st anniversary of diaconal ordination and the end of 13 graced years of life in this community. When I arrived in December 2007 I was welcomed by Peter McGrath OFM, a friar who gave me a great deal of mentoring and support. In turn I now pass on the baton to Anthoni Selvaraj OFM, a friar with a deep love of St Francis and the Church. What a privilege it has been to call this community home. Without a shred of doubt I can say that, if God wills it, I look forward to returning to this community and calling it home once again. Thank you and God Bless, *Fr Paul ofm*



CAN YOU HELP?
 The St Joseph SVDP society is urgently seeking new members. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

CAN YOU HELP?
 We urgently require more volunteers to join our COVID-Safe volunteer team. Without this team we cannot continue to celebrate Masses. Please contact Ruth: 9331 4043.



CHRIST THE KING

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

ON THIS WEEKEND

Paddington's SVDP Society will have its' **Christmas Appeal** this weekend. **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).



'SHOEBOXES 2020' IN THE TIME OF COVID

Great response to our appeal for shoe box/bags last weekend. We raised a third of funds required. If you can help Marion will be at all the Masses this weekend.

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

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.

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.



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: Kholofelo Dzvukamanja, 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.

Cana Goodies On Sale : Final Weekend
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.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / A

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was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you,

we humbly pray that your Son himself may

bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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 OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

STANDING BEFORE THE LORD NOW

The Gospel to conclude the Church's year appropriately evokes the great judgement instituted by the Shepherd-King at the end of time. The Christian tradition, especially in art (Michelangelo's painting in the Sistine Chapel) and music (*Dies Irae*), has often depicted the scene in terrifying literalness.

We may not today feel bound to such a literal understanding of imagery and motifs taken from the apocalyptic Jewish worldview of Jesus' day. But we have to recognise that what the Gospel wishes to communicate with great seriousness is that the final outcome of one's existence is irreversibly determined by the attitude and action one adopts in regard to fellow human beings here and now.

Nothing is said about correctness of faith, or the need to be free from, or to have obtained forgiveness for, all kinds of sin. The sole determinant is whether one has acted with care and compassion for people in various situations of need. Here the 'greatest commandment of the law'—the twin love of God and of one's neighbour (Matthew 22:36-40)—and the sense of Jesus as 'Emmanuel' ('God with us' [Matthew 1:23]) receives its most radical extension. The one who sits upon the throne as Judge, has so identified with even 'the least' of his 'brothers and sisters' that effective compassion shown or not shown to *them* has been shown or not shown to *him*.

There is no need to wait for the Son of Man to come in judgement; every time one encounters a fellow human being in need one already stands before the Judge and King.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU. Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

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

Gloria 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, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly

proclaim your praise. 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 Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has



come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

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 will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I