

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Jesus taught with authority—and we have listened to his teaching. Strengthened in faith by it's message we ask God for what we need.

Reader: For prophets in our world.

All: May we be alert to prophets in our world—in the church and in the community—and may we be open to their teaching about God's purposes for the church and society.

Reader: For a sense of balance in life.

All: Paul teaches us to be careful in what we do, finding time for God in the busyness of life. May we be attentive to the needs of others, eager to show our love for God in our concern for those we care for.

Reader: For a desire to live by the gospel.

All: May we be faithful to the teaching of the Gospel proclaiming it as God's Word for our time; and may our lives and values witness to its authority and its power to transform people and society.

Reader: For an appreciation of Jesus the teacher.

All: May we look to the Lord Jesus who taught the people with authority bringing them hope and healing; and may his teaching strengthen us in times of trouble and need.

Presider: Together we pray.

God, the source of all good things, we thank you for Christ the good teacher. Help us be faithful to his message and grant what we need. 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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It is two months since I started my ministry in Paddington and Edgecliff parishes. I am enjoying my new home and ministry. It is a pleasure to live, work and pray with friars in Paddington and all of you. The Sisters of Charity at Edgecliff and Paddington support and encourage the friars too. I am beginning to recognise more people and getting to know some by name. Sunday masses are excellent way to greet and meet people. As a new team, I hope will make it easy for you to engage and communicate with us and the community. I am grateful to parishioners who are committed in ensuring COVID-19 Safety Plan is followed and for keeping our community safe while attending mass. It is inspiring to see people working together to clean the pews after each mass and organise things for the next mass. A special thank you to those who have helped us during Christmas and holiday season. It is all very good. I never cease to be amazed by people's goodness and generosity.

Like people God is a mystery too. We continue to discover fascinating things about God. The recurring theme in Mark is the unbelief of the disciples. Even though the disciples live and work closely with Jesus, they seem to get it wrong, by contrast the unclean spirits and outsiders who recognise Jesus as the Holy One of God. Jesus appears as a person of impressive authority; his teaching and his personality draws crowd including those who are disturbed and in the margin. His teaching and healing restore people to realm of wellbeing. In some instances, self-revelation might help to build good relationships but for Christians we believe that is not enough. Only with God do we come to a greater appreciation of the mystery of the human person. Faith is a great source to help us grow and mature. It can also be a resource to help and work with others. To see goodness, to appreciate God's love for people and to accompany people to fullness of life in Him.

We will never get bored with God or people; they continue to surprise us. The more I explore the depths of Jesus, the Lord of life and Salvation, the more I grow in respect for the human person. God loves his people. Let us continue our conversation about Jesus, our community and the ways in which we can make Him known and loved.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

RCIA

Are you interested to explore our faith or do you know someone who is? Would you like to accompany someone who is undertaking their own faith journey or help with the RCIA program in our community? Please contact Fr Anthoni via the Parish Office.

OUR APOLOGIES

An apology to our parishioners who may have been caught out with the recent change to weekday Mass times.

A reminder that weekday Mass is now available every Monday—Friday at the following times:

St Joseph, Edgecliff: 530pm
St Francis of Assisi, Paddington: 9am

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Paddington:

St Francis of Assisi, Church

The recent repairs are now close to complete. The church roof, sound system and organ have been repaired. The lighting is 90% complete as we wait for the delivery of some parts.

The Parish Office

We are experiencing issues with our phone lines and internet connection and are working with Telstra to resolve these issues. While our phone lines are now operational there may be some distortion on the lines which cannot be fixed until the NBN is connected later in the year.

Edgecliff:

St Joseph, Church

The roof will be fixed soon we will update you as works proceed.

ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
St Mary's Cathedral, Sunday 7 February at 2:30pm.

COVID-19 restrictions apply, live stream through Cathedrals YouTube channel for those who cannot attend.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

We always welcome new volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to become more involved, connect with your community and give back. Some of the teams needing volunteers are:

- **Our COVID-Safe team:** Help us continue to meet our COVID-Safe obligations and keep our community safe.
- **Readers:** No experience needed and all ages welcome, a great way for families to volunteer together and training is provided.
- **Communion Rounds:** Visit people in their homes/nursing homes to bring Holy Communion to those not able to attend Mass at this time.
- **Catechism/SRE:** Spend an hour a week teaching children in local State Schools. Curriculum, training and materials provided.
- **Children's Liturgy:** Children's Liturgy will return later in 2021 during the 830am Mass at St Francis! Join our roster and lead a Children's Liturgy sessions once a term. Materials and support provided. This is a great activity for families to volunteer for together.

If you are interested in volunteering, would like more information or have a volunteer roster in our community you would like to publicise in the bulletin please contact Ruth on 9331 4043 or at ruth@stf-stj.com

CAN YOU HELP? We need volunteers to help meet our COVID safe requirements at Mass Times. If you can be of help please call Ruth: 0410 470 678 or email ruth@stf-stj.com. Thank you.



CAN YOU HELP AFTER TODAY'S MASS
Many hands make light work.
If you are able please help our volunteers sanitise the church after today's Mass. Check in with your volunteers on the door.



The Go Make Disciples mission plan will set our Archdiocesan direction and priorities for years to come. The plan has come after over five years of consultation with clergy and laity through the 'Parish 2020' process.

The Mission plan can be downloaded from www.gomakedisciples.org.au or hard copies are available by contacting the parish office.

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

Anthoni Selvaraj ofm - Parish Administrator
Francisco Basnayake ofm & Joseph Nguyen ofm - Assistant Priests
Noel 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

No Bookings required. Contact free check-in is required at the door.

St Joseph, Edgecliff

Monday to Friday: 5:30pm

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

Reconciliation prior to the Friday evening Mass (from 5pm).

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

Monday to Friday: 9am

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am

Reconciliation from 4:30pm Saturday prior to Vigil Mass.

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: Maureen Marston, Ian Johnstone, 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 Laedbeater, Maria Pullin, Barbara & Edgar Matthews, William Whitehair, Maurice Scully, Tony Fraser, Barry Watts, Judith Glaister RSM, Peter Mackenzie Smith, Francis Pimanda, Pasquale Larubina.

Mass Intentions: Gaetano Carone, Margaret-Mary Kiernan, Jim Evans, Tino Ordenez, Peter Meagher, Betty Burnett, Jane, Michael & Jim Carnel, Giuliano Family, Nancy Rickard, Mee-Na Cheok, Bellanto & Fiorelli families, Ian Stewart, Alex & Zach, Terry McCue, 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, 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, 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.

impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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.

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. O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. 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 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

or

Mt 5: 3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WHAT COMES FROM WITHIN

At his death, Moses was praised because 'never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face' (Deuteronomy 34:10). He was the mediator between the people of Israel and the living God. They could not bear to be in God's presence for long at Horeb and so they had begged him to be the one to represent them and bring God's message back to them in ways they could understand. Today's first reading reminds the reader that Moses' mission was only the beginning of a larger mission that would be completed in the future. In the meantime, the people would have to wait for the promised prophet.

When Jesus began his ministry, his exorcisms, healing and teaching led his contemporaries to recognise his authority. The word for authority is ἐξουσία and it is a beautiful way of describing what others could see coming out of his very being. While Moses knew God face to face, it is clear that Jesus has something more because it comes from within. The demons have insight that we need to make our own – this is more than a prophet, this is the Holy One of God.

Paul continues his advice to the Corinthians reminding them we need to do more than simply proclaim that Jesus is the Holy One of God. Our proclamation is a great start, but it must be lived out in our daily lives. We are called to find the right balance between the attention we give to the Lord and our family commitments.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY BEHIND IT. Power and authority usually go together and are often confused. If Jesus exercised authority it was not in the oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers but in service of the poor. His power was directed towards liberating people from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating illnesses and the slavery of sin. It is this power that is at work in us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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. Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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

Deut 18: 15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;/hail the rock who saves us./Let us come before him, giving thanks,/with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low;/let us kneel before the God who made us;/for he is our God and we/the people who belong to his pasture,/the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!/'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,/as on that day at Massah in the desert/when your fathers put me to the test;/when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! / A people in darkness have seen a great light: / a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 21-28

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep