

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Like Job, many of us have known times of despair and have sought the healing Jesus offers. We now pray that God will heal everything in our world that is flawed or broken.

Reader: For the Church

All: That our faith community may be a refuge for the tired and oppressed.

Reader: For the world's leaders.

All: That their hearts will be open to all who suffer.

Reader: For the sick and for all who suffer alone with out relief.

All: That they may know Christ's healing touch.

Reader: For doctor, nurses and those with care of the sick.

All: That they may be given love in their hearts and skills in their hands as they continue Christ's healing work, bringing consolation to those in their care.

Reader: For the ministers of the Gospel.

All: That they may recognise their weakness and find strength in Jesus.

Reader: For the recruitment of Catechists.

All: That more of the faithful will respond to Christ's call to "be my witnesses" in becoming catechists to our young people.

Reader: For the dead and those who grieve for them.

All: That the hope of the resurrection of Jesus will support them.

Presider: Gracious god, hear us in our time of need. Heal our ills. We make this prayer through Christ the healer. 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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Not long ago we celebrated Australia Day (26/01). I feel very blessed to live and minister in Australia so that I have the opportunity to learn, discover and embrace the Australian culture. There is so much goodness and beauty in the Australian landscape, it's culture and most importantly it's people.

There are currently four Friars living in our Community here in Paddington. Fr Joe Lu, our Guardian, looks after the Chinese Community in Ashfield, while three of us; Fr Anthoni, Fr Francisco and myself are involved in parish ministry. Surprisingly none of us were born in Australia as we all come from four different countries with our unique background, culture, knowledge and talent. It is amazing that we are called and sent to live and work together as brothers in this Franciscan Parish. Our small community reminds us of a larger diversity of culture among our Parish and this nation. It is obvious that different cultures and backgrounds may bring challenges and conflicts at times whilst at the same time, they enrich our own culture whenever we learn, respect and work together. We thank our Good Lord for sending us to live as Franciscan Brothers in this community, inviting us to minister in this Parish where the lives of each Parishioner have nurtured and enriched our lives.

Not long from now, my Vietnamese people and other Asian nations will celebrate Lunar New Year (12/02). It is a special time for family reunions, friendships and relaxation. Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, many people are unable to make their way to their loved ones. It is important to remember our own identity and culture and it is also essential to learn and embrace another culture where we currently live and work. Although four of us come from four different countries, it is good that we all call Australia our home.
—Fr Joseph Nguyen

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021 (PARISH BASED)

Are you interested in your child celebrating their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation with our community in 2021?

We are in the process of developing our Sacramental Program for 2021. For those who attend St Francis of Assisi Regional Primary School preparation (and information/enrolment forms) will be via the school, however those outside of the school will need to participate in the parish based program.

If you are interested in your child participating in the parish program could you please visit:

www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/2021-sacramental-program/
and click **2021 Survey**.

We also recommend that you sign up for the Sacramental Program Mailing List on this page so we can stay in contact and send you dates, enrolment forms and information as it is finalised.

AN UPDATE ON OUR 2020 CHRISTMAS BOXES (BAGS)

Christmas has come and gone - Lent is just around the corner - but it's important to thank everyone that made our Christmas 'Bags instead of Shoeboxes' such a great success.

Our wonderful parishioners generously supported our appeal with the funds. Harris Farm Bondi Junction supplied over 100 of their paper bags at no cost. Woolworths at Double Bay and Coles at Edgecliff helped enormously by allowing us to buy whatever number of their half priced specials we needed and even gave additional discounts.

63 residents at Ronald Coleman Lodge in Woollahra, 30 residents at Vincentian Aged Care in East Sydney and 8 people on the Parish Communion Round received lovely full bags of goodies.

Thank you to everyone and please check the church bulletin boards to see the photos of the buying, packing and delivering of the bags.

Hopefully our beloved shoe boxes will return in 2021.

—Marion O'Farrell

WE NEED MORE CATECHISTS!

The Catechist program at St Joseph, Edgecliff and St Francis of Assisi, Paddington services four public schools in our area: Paddington, Glenmore Road, Double Bay and Woollahra Public.

Classes run for 30–45 minutes a week during term (plus preparation). Curriculum, training and materials are provided.

We are urgently in need of Catechists to join our team with two of our schools without teachers for classes.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist or would like more information please speak to Alanna or Ruth in the Parish Office on 9331 4043 or email us at office@stf-stj.com

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? We invite you to join our RCIA program.

**Please join us on Thursday, 730pm
in the Parish Meeting Room
66 Gordon Street, Paddington
(Directly behind St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington)**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be anointing of the sick at the 9am (St Francis) and 530pm (St Joseph) Masses on Thursday 11th February.

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.
directions.

CATECHIST SUNDAY Sunday 7 February 2021

Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.

—Pope Francis



Today we recognise the dedicated Catechists in our Parish who provide religious education to children in state schools. Our Catechist volunteers teach over four hundred students at four different schools.

We thank our Catechists for their dedication and commitment and for the essential role they have in ensuring that our Parish children in public schools are gathered in God's name to receive approved catechesis from parishioners who model prayer and service.

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.



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
Ruth Rawlinson - Parish Manager
Alanna Sparks & Cate Stivala - Parish Secretary
Tanith Bryce - Cantor, Edgecliff
Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington
Nicole Smeulders - Cantor Paddington
Emma-Gai Gold & Alanna Sparks - Safeguarding Support Officers
Louise O'Brien - 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: George Farah, Betty Byrne, Peter-John Young, Maureen Marston, John Ryan, Sandra Soady, 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 Leadbeater, 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: Frank, Lena & Anne Kaine, Herbert Graham, Mee-Na Cheok, Peter Meagher, Betty Burnett, Jane, Michael & Jim Carnel, Giuliano family, Sister Colleen Noonan RSC, Helen & Jeffrey Moy, Tony Ponte, Anne Stabb, David Roderick, Jim Evans, Nancy Rickard, Rev. M.J. O'Sullivan, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Miquel Paulo Caccese, Gaetano Carone, Hector Destro, Tino Ordonez, Margaret-Mary Kiernan, Nancy Rickard, Bellanto & Fiorelli families, Ian Stewart, Alex & Zach, Terry McCue, Sorin & Donna, 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, Piper Family, David DeCarvalho, Bernard Hanlon, Francesca Smith, David Crees, 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, 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 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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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. O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CONCERN FOR OTHERS

In the midst of his suffering Job takes stock of his life and judges that it can be best described as drudgery and futile. His words are a powerful reminder to us that ours is not the first or last generation to search for meaning in the midst of the complexity of the human situation. It is into the darkness, pain and questioning of ours that Jesus enters with a message of hope. His mission and message is one of healing, freedom and new beginnings.

Paul writes to the Corinthians about the mission that he has received from the Lord, that of preaching the gospel message. He is dealing with a situation where some of the people are exercising their freedom in Christ by eating meat which had previously been sacrificed to idols. While Paul agreed with them that idols did not exist, and that the meat was only meat, their mistake was in not being concerned about their 'weaker' brethren who were scandalised by their behaviour. Rather than arguing who is right and who is wrong, Paul argues that not causing suffering to the other person is a higher value. Using his own practice as an example he talks about how he has tried to become all things to all people so that he might not be an obstacle to the gospel message being preached. Since he exercises his freedom by concern for the other, he hopes that the 'stronger' members of the community will do the same.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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JESUS TOOK HER BY THE HAND. We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick and troubled, much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's Gospel. In this Mass let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then, with our spirits uplifted, we will go out from Mass with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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. 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. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job
I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146: 1-6. R. v. 3

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. or Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;/sing to our God for he is loving;/to him our praise is due. **R.**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem/and brings back Israel's exiles./he heals the broken-hearted./he binds up all their wounds./He fixes the number of the stars;/he calls each one by its name. **R.**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;/his wisdom can never be measured./The Lord raises the lowly;/he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



SECOND READING 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 8: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 1: 29-39

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.

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had