

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* 'The law of the Lord is perfect and God's way is worthy of our trust.' We have shared God's word and reflected on its message. We now ask God for what we need to be faithful to that teaching.

*Reader:* For a deeper understanding of God's law.

**All: May we receive the gift of wisdom to understand God's law and God's way, not simply as revealed to a people long ago but given to us to live out in our time.**

*Reader:* For faith in God's promises.

**All: We preach Christ crucified, according to the mysterious purposes of God. May we have faith in God's foolishness that is greater than our wisdom, and accept the cross with humility and hope.**

*Reader:* For an awareness of God's grace.

**All: May we learn from the example of Jesus that God's love cannot be purchased but is given to those who constantly seek to do God's will.**

*Reader:* For renewal of zeal among God's people.

**All: May we be constant in living as God's people in the church and in the community. May we be faithful in our concerns for God's teaching, zealous witnesses to the way of Christ.**

*Presider:* God of all compassion, fill us with the zeal for your teaching that people everywhere may come to know you and live as you would have them live. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### 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.

### 3rd Sunday of Lent 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

#### Olivia's Story:

Olivia, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

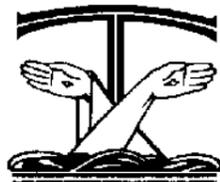
Then Olivia enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Olivia has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Olivia's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**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.**



My God and My All

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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The temple is obviously the focus of this weekend's Gospel Reading. The account of Jesus' cleansing of the temple is described in all four Gospels: Mt 21,12-13; Mk 11,15-17; Lk 19,45-46; Jn 2,13-25. However, in contrast to the Synoptic Gospels who tell this story very late in their Gospel writings, coming after Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, Saint John, the Evangelist, places this story quite early in his Gospel, just shortly after Jesus began His public ministry, following the first miracle He performed at Cana.

This Gospel story is about a protest. The Lord responds to the scene before him in an instinctive manner. He sees and acts in a concrete way. He gets offended due to all the crass materialism and commercialism of religion he sees in the temple. The gospel reading tells us that Jesus was speaking of the temple that was His body, but of course the leaders, people and perhaps his disciples during that time did not understand or appreciate the deeper meaning of His words. Don't forget that the evangelist, writing after the death and resurrection of Jesus gives a theological overlay. John's closing observations in this reading, points to the fact that the full meaning of Jesus' words and acts in the cleansing of the temple were understood only later, in the light of His resurrection.

In John's Gospel, we also remember Jesus told the Samaritan woman that true worship will not be tied to some particular sanctuary, it will be worship "in Spirit and Truth" (Jn 4:24). Temples and churches are places which help us to pray better in union with our community, but keep in mind that true worship is in Spirit and Truth which is in our Risen Lord, not in a material building. Perhaps, during this time of Covid restrictions when we can't always gather at church to worship the Lord, it is time for us to worship Him wherever and whenever we can.

Fr Joseph Nguyen

### LENTEEN PROGRAM FOR SYDNEY

Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples:  
A Lenten Companion

Copies available at Mass or in Parish Office  
Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion is a means for parish staff and parishioners to meditate upon those foundations of spiritual renewal for individuals and communities that are at the heart of our Archdiocesan mission plan, Go Make Disciples, and to ask for the grace to grow where growth is needed.

This practical resource includes the Sunday Gospels, reflection questions, devotional resources such as the Stations of the Cross, and also a spiritual reflection on foundations of the Christian life as explored in the Sunday Gospel, with reflections by Prof Tracey Rowland, Peter Holmes, Fr Chris Ryan MGL, Mother Hilda Scott OSB, Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, Fr David Braithwaite SJ, and Dr Paul Morrissey.

**If you have any enquiries about Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples, please contact the Parish Renewal Team at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) or on (02) 9390 5330**

### WEEKLY ONLINE LENTEN GROUP

Join Fr Noel Custodio, host of The Furnace podcast, as he leads an online Lenten Group which will use Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion.

Dates: Wednesdays of Lent.

Time: 7:30pm - 8:15pm

Register: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)



### WE NEED HELP MAKING NEW COLLECTIONS BAGS!

Are you a whiz with a sewing machine? Can you help us make new collection bags? Fabric will be provided.  
Call Ruth: 93314043

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington - following 9am Mass

St Joseph, Edgecliff - 5pm prior to 5:30pm Mass

### 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.

**Join us Thursdays at 730pm  
in the Parish Meeting Room  
66 Gordon Street, Paddington  
(Directly behind St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington)**

### VINNIE'S CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AT MATTHEW TALBOT HOSTEL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is looking for volunteers to help establish a conference at one of Sydney's most well recognised homeless shelters for men, the Matthew Talbot Hostel.

For more than 80 years the centre has been offering accommodation and support to people who are homeless or at risk of it, and Vinnies is now looking at increasing their support.

An information session is being held on **Sunday 14 March at 9.30am** beginning with a Mass celebrated by Fr Danny Meagher followed by morning tea, a tour and information session.

Location: Entry 22, Talbot Lane, Woolloomooloo. For more information, contact Tony Cranney 0419-255-943 or to RSVP contact Joy Bowen 0447636619 or [Joy.Bowen@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Joy.Bowen@vinnies.org.au).



### 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 by contacting the Parish Office.

### OUR PARISH

**Anthony 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 5pm 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:** Marika Gubasci, Jose Herrera, Eva Beck, Wilga Wilschefska, Sue Gherdovich, Ken Finn, Patrick Donovan, Carol Ashford, 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, Holy Souls.

**Mass Intentions:** Conception Family, Marie Therese Whelan, Margaret-Mary Kiernan, Helen Boyd, Richard Connolly, The Kelly Family, Elson & Marie Sang, Eibhlin Killen, Ian Stewart, Catherine Murnane, June Fabbro, Dr George & Anne Duncan, Frank & Anne McDonald, Frank, Lena & Anne Kaine, Herbert Graham, Mee-Na Cheok, Peter Meagher, Betty Burnett, Helen & Jeffrey Moy, Tony Ponte, Anne Stabb, David Roderick, Jim Evans, Giuliano family, Nancy Rickard Jane, Michael & Jim Carnel, Sister Colleen Noonan RSC, Rev. M.J. O'Sullivan, Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan, Miquel Paulo Caccese, Gaetano Carone, Hector Destro, Tino Ordonez, Nancy Rickard, Bellanto & Fiorelli families, 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, 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](mailto: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

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disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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. Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 OR II OF LENT

*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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

## 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 83: 4-5  
**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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

### BEING TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Lent has the capacity to shake us from our lethargy and turn our lives upside down. For some people change is exciting but for many it is less than comfortable as we search to find our bearings in a new situation. Today's readings can challenge us but they also provide a new set of bearings to help our journey in faith. The people of Israel had their world overturned when they were taken into slavery, but in some ways coming out of slavery was even more difficult. Led into the dangers of the desert and an uncertain future they were to find their bearings in the new covenant. Their new identity as God's people would find its expression in their faithfulness to the Ten Commandments. When Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple he called into question the system that had developed around the Temple. His disturbing action was to be a reminder that even as one sign of God's presence was to pass away, it was soon to be replaced by a new sign of God's presence, his own Risen body. Paul knew that God's wisdom always has a way of challenging the wisdom of the world. A crucified Christ was seen as madness and scandalous. As disturbing as it may still seem this is the wisdom of God that must become our point of reference. In Jesus crucified all our preconceptions of power and wisdom are called into question as we are invited to make God's wisdom our own.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD. The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given by God to Moses on Mt Sinai. They teach us how to live in right relationship with God and with one another. If we seek to live by the Commandments we will avoid the trap of materialism, of being more concerned with buying, selling, and making money, than with loving God and our neighbour.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 24: 15-16  
**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

## 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.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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** Ex 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
**A reading from the book of Exodus**  
*The Law was given through Moses.*  
God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me. You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.  
'You shall not commit adultery.  
'You shall not steal.  
'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

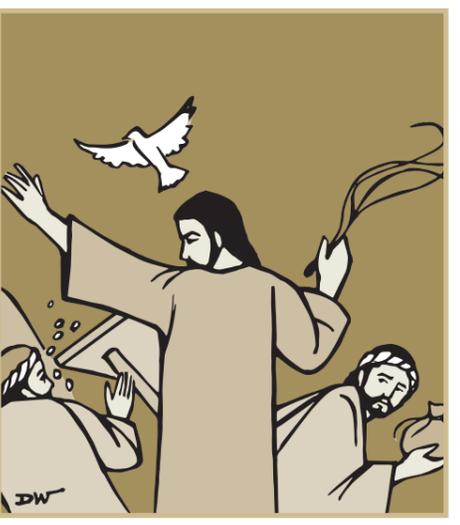
**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**  
*Longer form, 20: 1-17.*

**RESP PSALM** Ps 18: 8-11. R. Jn 6: 68  
**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**  
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**  
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**  
4. They are more to be desired than gold, / than the purest of gold / and sweeter are they than honey, / than honey from the comb. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 22-25  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*



While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3: 16  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**  
**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 2: 13-25  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his