

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* 'When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to myself'. God's Word has been broken for us and we have reflected on its teachings. Now we bring before God our needs and those of all God's people.

*Reader:* For a desire to live as God wants.

**All: 'I will be their God; they will be my people', says the Lord. May the new covenant that God has written on our hearts increase our desire to live as God wants by the commandments planted deeply within us.**

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

**All: Jesus learned obedience through suffering and became the source of salvation for all. May we grow in accepting the mysterious purposes of God who brings resurrection out of suffering and death.**

*Reader:* For a rich harvest among God's people.

**All: We believe that the death of a single grain of wheat can wield a rich harvest. May we so die to self and live for others that the world may turn from selfishness and enjoy a harvest of peace and justice.**

*Reader:* For a spirit of service.

**All: May we be worthy disciples of Jesus, looking for ways to be of service in the community and in the church, responding to those in need as the Lord showed in his life and death.**

*Presider:* God of love and service, your Son died to bring a rich harvest of life for others. Awaken in us a desire to be servants like him, faithful to the covenant that you have written in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TRIDUUM

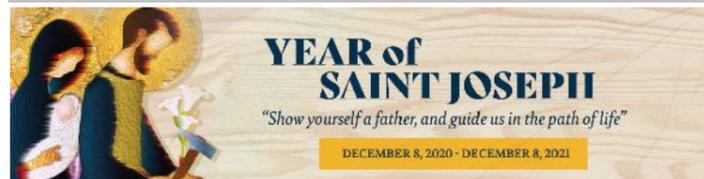
We need extra helpers for all the liturgical celebrations in the coming week to ensure we are compliant with government regulations and to keep our community safe. Our COVID-safe teams have worked tirelessly every weekend for the past year sanitising the pews and assisting parishioners with registration.

At Christmas your support and help ensured parishioners and visitors were able to participate in liturgical celebrations without worrying about transmission of the virus.

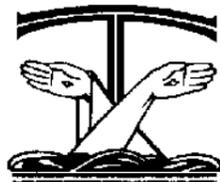
Last year most people missed out in participating in Easter Liturgies. We are still in a pandemic and we want to make sure our churches are safe and ready to welcome worshippers for all liturgies.

If you could help please contact Ruth or speak to volunteers this weekend. Help is needed in welcoming, with registration, assisting with seating, collections and sanitation after liturgy. Your assistance are very much appreciated by the friars.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM



**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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21 March 2021: 5th Sunday of Lent Year B

### From Father Francisco

Recently, I came across a video that has been circulating on social media of Pope Francis addressing the three leaders of South Sudan who signed a peace agreement. He said, "I ask you as a brother, stay in peace, I'm asking you with my heart, let us go forward, there will be many problems, but there will not overcome us, go ahead go forward and resolve the problems. ..." The Pope then goes to each leader, kissed their feet and held their hands as a sign of his sincere appeal to strive for peace.

I'm really not sure why this video which was taken in 2019 is suddenly appearing; but, maybe it is in response to the civil protest in Myanmar. In the news a Catholic religious sister was pictured kneeling before security forces begging them not to shoot the peaceful protesters and children. In echoing her gesture for peace, Pope Francis on Wednesday made an emotional appeal for an end to violence against protesters. He said, "I too kneel in the streets of Myanmar and say: End the violence! I too reach out my arms and say: may dialogue prevail!"

As I was reflecting on both their gesture of kneeling and begging for peace, it made me think; how much do I appreciate the peace that I enjoy back home in Singapore and here in Australia? Many people in conflict countries dream for peace and freedom. But, unfortunately, some people don't want them to have peace. Hence, as I pray for the people of Myanmar the reminder for me is to appreciate the peace and freedom I have and work for peace within my spiritual life. To forgive not because others deserve it. But, because I deserve my peace. Peace is priceless!

### 2021 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week & Easter Services will be subject to current COVID regulations. While there are no bookings necessary there are strict limits on the number of people we are able to have inside our Churches. Current limits are:

**St Joseph: 130 Max St Francis: 300 Max**

We recommend you arrive early for the service you are attending to sign in and secure your seat.

#### St Joseph, Edgecliff

<b>Palm Sunday, 28th March:</b>	<b>7:30am, 9am, 11am</b>	
	<b>&amp; 5:30pm</b>	Mass
<b>Monday, 29th March:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday, 30th March:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	Mass
<b>Wednesday, 31st March:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	Mass
	<b>6pm</b>	2nd Rite of Reconciliation
<b>Holy Thursday, 1st April:</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Good Friday, 2nd April:</b>	<b>11am</b>	Stations of the Cross
	<b>3pm</b>	Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
<b>Holy Saturday, 3rd April:</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Easter Vigil - Service of Light
<b>Easter Sunday, 4th April:</b>	<b>7:30am, 9am</b>	
	<b>&amp; 11am</b>	Mass
	<b>NO 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday</b>	

#### St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

<b>Tuesday, 23rd March:</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	2nd Rite of Reconciliation & Tenebrae
<b>Saturday, 27th March:</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	Mass (Palm Sunday Vigil)
<b>Palm Sunday, 28th March:</b>	<b>8:30am &amp; 10am</b>	Mass
<b>Monday, 29th March:</b>	<b>9am</b>	Mass
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### PARISH NOTICES

#### PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

To assist with COVID compliance we ask you to BYOP (Bring your own palms) to Palm Sunday Mass. Bring your own palm leaves, olive branches or any greenery to be blessed and taken home after the Mass.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington - following 9am Mass

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

#### RCIA

Our RCIA program is currently on hiatus and will return after Easter. We will advise of the return date in an upcoming Parish Bulletin

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

You can donate to Project Compassion through the Lenten season via Parish boxes and envelopes, online by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or by phoning 1800 024 413.

#### SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA: 7 APRIL 2021 @ 7:30PM TOPIC: RECONNECTING DIGITALLY

SPEAKERS: BELLA NOLAN & PATRICK BYRNES

Spirituality in the pub is in coronavirus mode. Join us from the comfort of your own home via zoom! The topic is one very pertinent for our current times: **Reconnecting Digitally**. Our Zoom Room opens at 7:15am and you can join via the Zoom App using the details below or via the link on our Parish Website (just click the blue button!): [www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/spirituality-in-the-pub/](http://www.stfrancis-stjoseph.com/spirituality-in-the-pub/) Meeting ID: 898 5175 9286 and Password: 147804 More info contact Marea: 0414 873 910

#### BACH AKADEMIE: ALLELUJA

The Bach Akademie is holding an evening of sacred music at St Francis of Assisi, Paddington on Friday March 26 at 7:30pm. Tickets \$60-\$90 (concessions available). **More information and bookings: 1300 785 377**

#### PLEASE ASSIST OUR VOLUNTEERS AFTER TODAY'S MASS

*Many hands make light work.*

If you are able please assist to sanitise the church after Mass. **Check in with your volunteers on the door.**



### 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

**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 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:** Jim Alivia, Marcelo, Marika Gubasci, Jose Herrera, Eva Beck, Wilga Wilschefske, 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:** Marion Orr, Jack & Maureen Brett, Patricia Brett, Nan Kelly, Molly & Herbert Odillo Maher, Terry Bostock, Nell Atkinson, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Jacques Bernard Pienovi, Andrew Georgiou, Giuliano family, Bryan & Ashleigh Paton, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, John McCue, Manfred Lemesch, Piper Family, Geoffrey & Patricia Hughes, Suzanne Carver, 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, Nancy Rickard Jane, Michael & Jim Carnel, Sister Colleen Noonan RSC, Rev. M.J. O'Sullivan, 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

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will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!  
A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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: 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

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.  
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 in peace.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### DYING IN ORDER TO LIVE

As Holy Week approaches, we are invited to enter more deeply into our own hearts and to accompany Jesus as he searches his heart in preparing to undergo his passion. The readings focus not only on the new life that we are offered, but also on the decisions that must be made to die to what is false within us so that God's new life may grow and flourish within us.

Jeremiah spoke to his contemporaries about the new covenant that God wanted to plant in their hearts. He powerfully calls for a decision to renewal. Would they give God the space in which to plant a seed? Did they have the courage to leave their past behind and journey towards a new future?

In the second reading and the Gospel we see how Jesus also shared in our struggle to choose the life that comes from dying to self. In the letter to the Hebrews, we are presented with the image of Jesus as God's Son who, like us, must search, struggle and pray so that the seed might grow and flourish. Some people may be disquieted by the image of Jesus having to come to perfection through struggle. It is a most precious gift – this is how seriously God takes it when God becomes one like us and shares in our humanity. In the gospel we see Jesus wrestling with this moment which is paradoxically the moment when he is already glorified. It is the moment of decision, when he must choose to become the living example of the seed that dies in order to live.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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THE HOUR HAS COME. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 42: 1-2  
**Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.**

### 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 were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You open for your people the way from death into 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.**

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

### COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Jer 31: 31-34

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**  
*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant

with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. **R.**

### SECOND READING

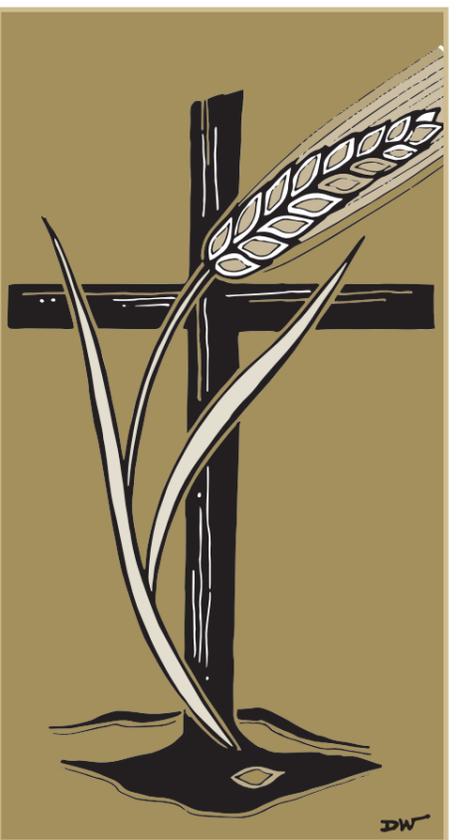
Heb 5: 7-9

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**  
*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 26  
**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 12: 20-30

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.**

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant