

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: We have begun our Holy Week observances. We have celebrated Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and watched the mood change from joy to sadness. Yet in hope, we present our needs before God.

Reader: For Christian people everywhere.

All: At the beginning of this Holy Week, we pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters that we may follow the example of Jesus who emptied himself for us that we might learn to be of service to all.

Reader: For those who suffer for what they believe.

All: We pray for those in our world who, like Jesus, are unjustly persecuted. By our prayers and actions, may we be in solidarity with them who suffer for justice and truth.

Reader: For a sense of peace in the midst of suffering.

All: May we be granted the gift of inner peace when we experience pain at the hands of others. And may Christians everywhere support those who are suffering, by our prayers and understanding and love.

Reader: For a fruitful observance of Holy Week.

All: May we use this Holy Week profitably

- For reflection and prayer
- For renewal and repentance
- For acts of charity
- For worship and sharing.

Presider: God of compassion, keep us faithful even in times of suffering; and bring us to Easter joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

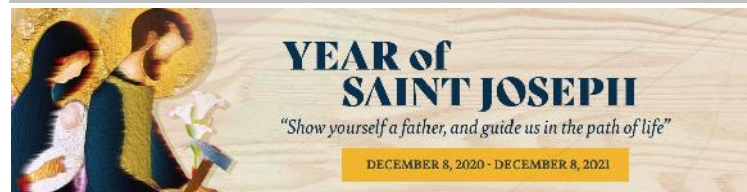
Please join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena.

The Divine Mercy Novena prayers were given to St. Faustina through an apparition of our Lord Jesus.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and is prayed for nine days ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

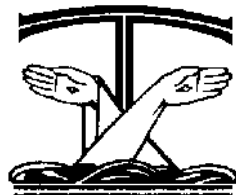
Ask your volunteers on the door for a copy of the Novena at Mass today or you can also collect a copy from the Parish Office.

- Dale Williams



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

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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28 March 2021: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

We have been following Jesus as he goes up to Jerusalem. The forty days of lent has been a special time, to repent and believe in the Gospel. We revisited some aspects of life that needs renewal by turning towards Lord in our Lenten journey, aided by fasting, prayer and almsgiving. This spiritual journey is like a procession of the Church towards the new Jerusalem. On Passion Sunday we commemorate the entrance of Jesus, the Messiah King into the holy city.

The liturgy of Passion Sunday commemorates the welcome given to the Lord by the young and old. He is the one sent by the Father. Generations of people have been waiting for Him. He comes to fulfil, what we have heard in the psalms, prophets and the law. We celebrate this liturgy in anticipation of his paschal triumph, Easter Sunday celebration, to mark his entry into heavenly glory, into which multitude of his disciples follow him.

The blessing of palms (and the procession) this Sunday is a celebration of the mystery of salvation. It has some resemblance of liturgy carried out in Jerusalem in the fourth century, the liturgy that inaugurated Passion Week/Holy Week. This year we will keep things simple to be Covid Safe, but we will ensure that the essential elements are not lost. The readings on Palm Sunday prepare us to enter into Holy Week. The Passion Reading is According to Mark this year and is the shortest of all the gospels. Yet in Mark we get a direct witness account as he relates the scandal of the cross, the paradox is, it is also the "messianic secret". The announcement of the plot against Jesus, his solitary anguish and his intimate prayer to his Father help us enter into the unfolding drama and finally we watch Jesus enthroned on the cross flanked by two thieves. Naked, humiliated and forsaken by his people but it is not end of the story. Only in Mark we hear of two events that express the triumph of faith: the veil of the Temple is torn and the pagan centurion recognises in Jesus, "the son of God". As we celebrate the Lord's passion, we proclaim "the name, that is above every name" by falling to our knees to adore him and to give thanks to the Father. —Fr Anthoni Selvaraj OFM

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

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

St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

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PARISH NOTICES

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, come 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/ Meeting ID: 898 5175 9286 and Password: 147804 More info contact Marea: 0414 873 910

CAN YOU ASSIST WITH HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES

We need volunteers to assist with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday services. If you can assist our COVID-Safe team please call Ruth at the Parish Office or email office@stf-stj.com. No experience necessary.

RCIA

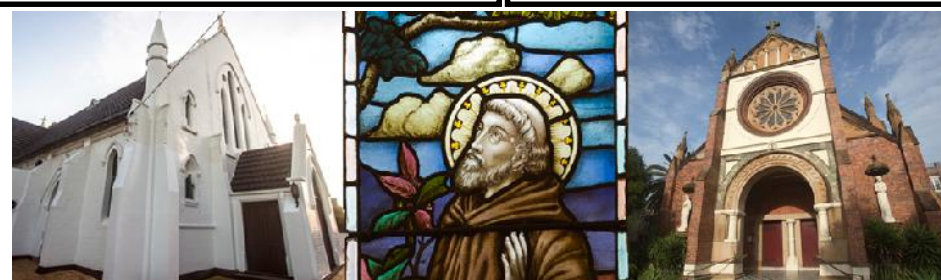
Our RCIA program is currently on hiatus and will return after Easter. We will advise of the return date in an upcoming Parish Bulletin

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help empower vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Parish Boxes and Envelopes available at door.

EASTER CONCERT

Saturday 3rd April 4:00 PM-5:00 PM – St Peter's Church, Surry Hills
This Easter Season, Vera Musica presents "The Passion and the Joy". An afternoon of Passiontide reflection and Easter celebration featuring Pergolesi's poignant "Stabat Mater" and Mozart's joyous "Exultate Jubilate". Conducted by Eugene Raggio and showcasing the voices of Soprano, Meg Griffin, and Mezzo, (our own) Nicole Smeulders. Adults: \$29, Concession/Senior: \$25, Family: \$88 - visit www.trybooking.com/BPSTA to book your tickets. For inquiries, call 0475 851 534.



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: Bramwell Wright, Jim Alivia, Marcelo, 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 Lanogan, Mary Cook RSC, Marie Arakelian, Maria Orner, Tina Chen Visage, Pauline Babicci OSC, Frances Spicer, Bessie Leadbeatter, Maria Pullin, Barbara & Edgar Matthews, William Whitehair, Maurice Scully, Tony Fraser, Barry Watts, Holy Souls.

Mass Intentions: Jalil Tanous, 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, Margret Austin, Janice Hui, John McCue, Manfred Lemech, 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, 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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Archdiocese www.sydneycatholic.org

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

28 MARCH 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD / B

N. Pilate asked them,
O. Why? What harm has he done?
N. But they shouted all the louder,
C. Crucify him!
N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!
N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,
C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!
N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.
N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,
C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.
N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying,
O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.
The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47

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. Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. 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 THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

 Mt 26: 42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. 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.

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THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION

The priest greets the people, blesses the ashes and sprinkles them with holy water, The Gospel (Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16) is then read. Before the procession the priest may say these or similar words:

P. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

°Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

°Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

The Gloria is omitted.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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

Isa 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my

cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

 Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him on high / and gave him a name above all other names. /



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

 Mk 15: 1-39

(N. Narrator **J.** Jesus **O.** Other single speaker **C.** Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!