

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Christ our hope is risen. Alleluia! In our rejoicing at the resurrection of our Saviour, we turn to our God and recall our needs and those of all the church.

Reader: For the church throughout the world.

All: On this Easter Day, may Christians everywhere experience the joy of the risen Jesus and be renewed in faith and hope for the forgiveness of sin.

Reader: For a desire to believe the Good News.

All: May the triumph of Jesus over death be a comfort to those who are in distress. And may we who have been reborn in Christ reject all in sin in our lives and live by sincerity and truth.

Reader: For a desire to live a new life in Christ.

All: May the joy of this Easter Day encourage us to grow in Christ so that like him, we may choose to walk in the light and reject the darkness of sin.

Reader: For a commitment to be witnesses to Christ.

All: May we share the enthusiasm of Mary Magdalene, Peter and John to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus by our faithfulness to his teaching and the gospel values that mark our lives.

Presider: God of all faithfulness, you raised Jesus to newness of life. Send your Spirit into our hearts that even in troubled times we may be people of hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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4 April 2021: Easter Sunday

We are Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

This statement of St Augustine was taken up by St John Paul II who reminded Christians the importance of this event which shapes our identity and dictates our way of life. We are Easter people, we believe in the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and desire others to believe it too. We are evangelising all the time by our witnessing and through conversations. The power of relation can persuade, influence and inspire people to consider the mystery of salvation. Though most people don't like change and want to hold to what they know. Covid has devastated lives and changed the world. Many of us believe that good may come of the devastation by Covid. Cardinal Newman writes, "In another world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, to be perfect is to have changed often." I pray that we resist going back to normal and be prepared to change for good. We see clearly how we have been conditioned to live busy lives. Hopefully our own conversion may assist those who are seeking peace, meaning, hope and freedom. Wishing you a very happy and holy Easter. He is Risen. **Fr Anthoni ofm**

Happy Easter

As believers in our Risen Lord, we come together this week as a Parish Community, to celebrate the Paschal Sacred Triduum and Easter, the most important days in our Catholic faith and tradition. We are grateful that we are able to gather for the Easter celebrations this year while in some parts of Australia and many places around the world, gatherings are still not allowed or so limited, also this time last year, we were under lockdown. So, let us give thanks to our Good Lord for what we have in times of uncertainty and let us continue to pray for the needs of so many people and believers.

It is such a privilege for me to join Fr Anthoni and Fr Francisco to minister in this Parish as a team. It is also an honour and a joy to share our faith and life experiences with all of you in the Parish. Thank you for sharing your faith with us and being faithful to God's call even in times of difficulty. We wish you a blessed Easter. May the joy and peace of our Risen Lord come down upon you and remain with you always. **Fr Joseph ofm**

Blessed Easter!

"There is always a light at the end of a tunnel." This is a famous adage that is often used to give hope and encouragement when someone is going through difficult periods of life. Well, I guess, this is the moment every one of us have been waiting for. Our liberation to be able to attend mass, to sing and worship God and to celebrate joyfully with friends and family without too many restrictions and limitations. This is my Easter joy this year and I presume it would be the same for many of you. Therefore, the story of Jesus Christ resurrection is a great reminder of hope. And His resurrection is God's proof of His love for us. So, as we celebrate Easter, let us always be mindful, 'there is no resurrection without the cross.' Blessed Easter! **Fr Francisco**

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

The practice of two collections will resume at Sunday Mass. COVID safe practices will continue to apply. We need volunteers to assist with the collection, if you are able to help, please check in with the volunteers at the door.

First Collection: (After the Homily). For the upkeep of the Friars.

Second Collection: (After the Prayers of the Faithful). For the support of your parish including building maintenance, operating costs, church and altar supplies and support of parish ministries and programs.

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

RCIA

Our RCIA program is currently on recess and will return after the Easter break.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your participation and helping us to celebrate the Easter Triduum. Our warmest thanks and heartfelt appreciation goes out to all the readers, musicians, cleaners, ministers, servers, collectors and our COVID-safe volunteers and the choir, Noel and Ruth, Eleanor and anonymous donors.

ORGAN RECITAL, ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PADDINGTON

Sunday 25 April 2021, 2:30pm

You are invited to join Thomas Wilson, the director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, and the St Mary's Cathedral Choral Scholars at St Francis on Sunday 25 April at 2:30pm. Admission by note donation. All welcome.

6 DAY RETREAT: 23-29 April

"Become Like Water" Fr John Armstrong

This retreat will notice how we are called to be participants in the life of grace by reflecting on the Mysteries of Light and where we notice the waters of baptism welling up within us, inviting us to enter the river of life.

Cost for 6 day Retreat: \$870 (Prayer Weekend 23-25 April: \$290) St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park.

Download the form from our Website: towersretreat.org.au or RSVP Ph:4630-0233

Please pray for Kim John Stevens and Alexandra Jumel. They will be receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Kim will receive the sacraments on Easter Vigil and Alexandra on 11 April at 10am Mass.



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
Nicolas 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 Lanojan, 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: Jim Evans, 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, 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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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.



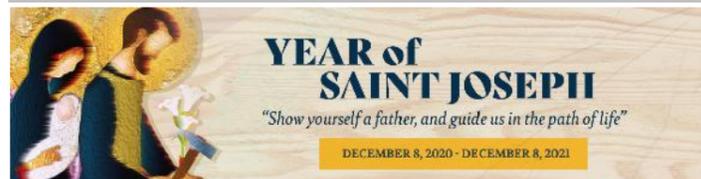
A MESSAGE FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia & thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal. Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St.

Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.



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.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Replaces the Profession of Faith.

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

P. And all his works?

All: I do.

P. And all his empty show?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

P. Do you 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?

All: I do.

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: 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. Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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 OF EASTER

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

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 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; / therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread / of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your Church, O God, with unending love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

THE EASTER VIGIL



I. THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

Preparation and Lighting of the Candle
Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, / and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING Genesis 22:1-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 15

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

THIRD READING Exodus 14:15–15:1

CANTICLE From Ex 15

R. Let us sing to the Lord; / he has covered himself in glory.

FOURTH READING Isaiah 54:5-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 29

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

FIFTH READING Isaiah 55:1-11

CANTICLE From Isa 12

R. You will draw water joyfully / from the springs of salvation.

SIXTH READING Baruch 3:9-15, 32–4:4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SEVENTH READING Ezekiel 36:16-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 41

R. Like a deer that longs for running streams, / my soul longs for you, my God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:3-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 16:1-7

III. BAPTISMAL LITURGY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

(see far left column)

IV. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EASTER SUNDAY / B

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CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: ‘Alleluia!’

DAY MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 are the image of unseen God: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the firstborn of all creation:

Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 Acts 10: 34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v. 24

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (or Alleluia)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / ‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**



3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3: 1-4
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ’s glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20: 1-9

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.

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.