

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: 'We cannot know God unless we keep God's commandments'. We have listened to God's word and with confidence we approach our God for the needs of our communities.

Reader: For the joy of being witnesses to Christ.

All: Peter teaches us to be faithful followers of Christ in our daily lives. Bu our witness to the teaching of the gospel, may God's name be glorified in the church and in the community.

Reader: For a desire to keep the commandments of God.

All: May we live always by the commandments of God, revealed in the life and teaching of his Son; and by lives that are faithful to his way and avoiding all sin, may we witness to the truth of God's love for the world.

Reader: For a deeper understanding of Christ's presence among us.

All: The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. May we gather in his name, learn to acknowledge his presence among us, giving us strength to live as he commanded.

Reader: For the gift of peace.

All: Aware of Christ's presence among us today, may we celebrate the gift of peace and become peacemakers in the church and in the world, in our families and in our communities.

Presider: God of the promises, help us to be strong in faith and hope and love, and renewed in our desire to live as you command. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington, St Joseph Edgecliff and the 8:45am Mass at Double Bay
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He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

As 21st century Christians we might take for granted the resurrection event. But it wasn't easy for early Christians to appreciate the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the proclamation (kerygma) of the early Church, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus was the central theme; the messiah was crucified according to purpose of God, and was raised by God. In today's gospel passage we hear how the resurrected Jesus is trying to convince the disciples that all that has happened was to fulfil the scriptures, and it was all part of divine plan. "And that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

The argument that was put forward by St John urges us to stop sinning. If we believe Jesus died to take away our sins, then there is a moral dimension to our believing. Experience shows that we are all sinners. If forgiveness is readily available, then why worry some might wonder? St John warns, "We can be sure we know God only by keeping his commandments". Love, sacrifice and forgiveness are necessary in relationships. As Christians we enjoy the privilege of a relationship with Jesus. As such we are already in a journey of repentance. All encounters with Jesus, the Holy One of God, initiates and invites transformation. If we desire to be like the One we love, then we have to embrace all that is important to God.

Communication in any organisation or community is important to the life and mission of the entity. When there is a shared vision, the community can move forward in the context of a bigger picture. There is a need to see and understand before any participation in the mission. Our primary encounter with God is through scriptures, better understanding of scriptures enables us to discern God's presence and work in our world. The more we are in sync with God's narrative, the more excited we can be about participating in the mission. God empowers us through the Holy Spirit.

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB—#RECONNECTING

Wednesday 5 May, 7:30—9pm

Topic: Reconnecting through courage—overcoming adversity.

Our SIP journey continues in May with speakers Matt O'Kane and Dr Michael Giblin. Matt O'Kane has faced a number of challenges in his 45 years, including congenital blindness and childhood cancer. Dr Michael Giblin, an Ophthalmologist, leading Specialist of Melanoma of the eye and an honoured member of the Magic Circle (of magicians!)

More details about how to join May's SIP to come closer to the date. We hope to 'see' you there!

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. This is the first public recital on the new 104 stop, 4 manual digital organ designed specifically for St Francis of Assisi, Paddington. Note donation, no bookings required. All welcome.

It is intended to present organ and choral recitals on the 4th Sunday of each month, April through November. The May recital will be given by James Goldrick and the Choir of St Francis directed by Noel Debieen.

RCIA

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

EX-STUDENTS REUNION ST BRIGIDINE COLLEGE RANDWICK

The reunion will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 1.30pm in the old hall near the Quadrangle at the College. Afternoon tea and lots of chat make this a great time to renew old friendships and bring back memories. Please pass this invitation to any former students you may know. To book (for catering purposes), please contact Dianne Mullin on 0499 325 823.

BELOVED 2021 WOMEN'S RETREAT

St Finbars Catholic Church Glenbrook, 12 June 2021, 8:30am to 8:30pm
A retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Cost \$60, for more information please contact beloved2021info@gmail.com

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/40-hours-for-vocations-5/
St Joachim's parish in Lidcombe is hosting 40 Hours for Vocations from 7:30pm on Friday 23 April until 9am on Sunday 25 April. You are invited to pray for an hour during this time to help young men and women answer God's call to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

The event will conclude with a Mass for Vocations celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at 10am on Sunday 25 April which is Good Shepherd Sunday. There will be opportunities for Confession, communal and personal prayer and guided reflections before the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for an hour of prayer and invite your family and friends to participate. For more information, contact the Vocation Centre for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney on 02 9307 8424 or via email at vocations@sydneycatholic.org

BE A MAN: AN ONLINE COURSE ON MASCULINE THEOLOGY
Dates: 21 April; 5 May; 19 May; 26 May; 09 June (All Wednesdays)
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

The Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to Join author of Esto Vir (Latin for Be A Man) Fr Paul Chandler on Zoom as we journey deep into God's plan for masculinity. This is a very exciting free opportunity for men: Fr Paul has a PhD in Masculine Theology, and all you need to purchase is Fr Paul's book! Visit www.sydneycatholic.org/beamant to register.

You will receive a Zoom link in your confirmation email. Cost: Free!

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE

Churches are allowed unlimited numbers of worshippers, providing a two square metre rule is followed. Congregational singing is now allowed. The COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship strongly encourages electronic collection of worshippers' names and contact details using QR codes where possible. For those who cannot provide electronic details a paper record is allowed. Record keeping is compulsory.

More information is available online and is updated as there are new developments, please visit the Sydney Archdiocese website at www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/.

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 Debieen & 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: Michelle Robyn Nicholls, Tess Hooper, Joan Mulligan, Bramwell Wright, 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, Holy Souls.

Mass Intentions: James Alexander Adamovitch, Dionisio Solis, 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, 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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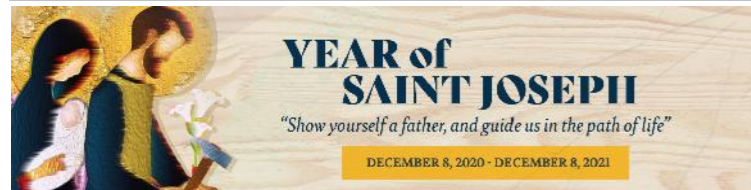
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Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

18 APRIL 2021

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them. 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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-V 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: 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 Lk 24: 46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; / in his name repentance and remission of sins / must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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

THE CALL TO BE WITNESSES

Justice is often understood as fairness or even-handedness. The biblical tradition would not deny this but would tend to see justice as primarily about being in right relationship with God, oneself and others. Someone who is able to live in such a way would be seen to live in *shalom* (peace). On this Third Sunday of Easter these two dimensions are stressed. The first and second reading deal with Jesus as the just one who invites us to find and maintain balance in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. In the Gospel it is in relationship with the risen Jesus that we find true peace, as he leads us out of our fears and gives each one of us a new task – to be faithful and courageous witnesses.

Peter reaches out to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and re-opens the case for Jesus. He does not deny their mistake but states that since they acted in ignorance in killing Jesus the opportunity is still there for them to review their previous judgement and now accept Jesus as their saviour and come into right relationship with him. It is the Risen Lord who appears to the disciples and helps them to understand that even his brutal death was part of God's saving plan. Furthermore, his presence among them will lead them to overcome their fearful relationship to the world. A new relationship is called for since now they are given a new task, to be witnesses to the whole world.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES. The disciples of Jesus had great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred texts. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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.

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. May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, who you demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

R. Lord, let your face shine on us. (or Alleluia!)

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**



3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 24: 32

Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 24: 35-48

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.